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## "Never give up unless you are just on the last little drop of life you have in you"



#### Edward Pilkingtor and Chris Mihill

the nation was watch-ing the latest episode of Murder One, a drama of a different sort was reaching its conclusion. A girl aged 11 was letting go after a aix-year

Her name was Jaymee Bowen, but she will probably Child B. And that pseudonym-will probably always be seen as a symbol of a youthful de-

termination to live. The name was imposed by the courts in an attempt to preserve her anonymity and existence as she could for the little time she had left. The plan failed — Jaymee's life was not normal.

It wasn't just that she threatened to whack an NHS executive after he refused to pay for further treatment for the leukaemia that was kill-ing her. Nor that she prompted deep soul-searching within the health service over its approach to patients diag-

ed as terminally ill. It was that in the face of repeated radiation treatment

Her name was Jaymee Bowen, but she will T 9.40pm on Tuesday night, while much of probably always be remembered as Child B. After six years struggling against cancer, she got close to making it. A month ago observers were speculating that in six months her chances of survival were promising

> She got close to making it. A month ago observers were speculating that if she lasted another six months her another six months her on the face of it, the death chances of long-term survival of Jaymee Bowen supports

were good. Then last week she began to ferred to the Portland Hospital for further tests. They revealed that myeloid

laukaemia had relapsed and her condition was deterioratand courses of chemotherapy, with their horrible side-efing fast. On Tuesday after-

fects, she fought so patiently, noon she was conscious and for so long, and so hard. chatting happily; by the eve-ning she had developed bleed ing on the brain, slipped into unconsciousness and died. ,

the contention of NHS doctors that extra treatment would experience breathing difficul-ties and was admitted to Brompton Hospital, central marrow transplant had failed to stem the cancer, they decided that a second such open ation would serve no useful purpose and would merely put her through unjustified pain from intense radiation

have any sense of vindication. This is a day for grieving it is a desperately sad day," said Stephen Thornton, whose title is chief executive of Cambridge and Huntingdon Health Commission but who will be remembered as the

bureaucrat Jaymee threatened to whack. Vindication aside, he added that he stood by the commis-sion's stance. "If the question is, 'do we feel the decision not to fund the second operation was the right one? then the

answer is yes. We feel that de-cision was right."

In the black and white world of tabloid newspaper journalism, that decision was ambasted as a callous choice of accountancy over human compassion. To save £75,000 the NHS was sacrificing the

chance to prolong a young girl's life.

It made great copy, and the column inches and gushing prose ran and ran. "Girl sentenced to die by the NHS." blared the Daily Mirror. "Whet value is yet on a "What value is put on a child's life?" pontificated the

Daily Telegraph.

But it was never quite that

with her Harley Street consultant, Dr Peter Gravett. Jaymee's NHS doctors con-

cluded that the probabilities of her benefiting from a second bone marrow trans-plant didn't stack up. "We never at any time said we to do," Mr Thornton said.

Logically, the NHS line was coherent. Given the confunding, it was deemed better £75,000 on the well-being of many rather than on a highrisk, pain-inflicting attempt

to save a dying girl. But in this case the health service greatly underestimated one factor in its logical equation. It might not make sense to spend £75,000 on what was medically deemed a lost cause. But it does if it is your own life at stake — more so if it's that of your child. As Mr Justice Law, the High Court judge who first deliber-ated on the Child B case, put it: "To anyone confronting the prospect of extinction in a few weeks, such a chance of

longer survival must be un-imaginably precious." simple. The NHS did agree to imaginably precious."

pay the full cost of Jaymee's In Jaymee Bowen and her Lender comment, page 2

There was no gloating by care in the private sector over the NHS yesterday that its past nine months, supprediction had come true. Today is not a day for us to relationship she had built up engineer from Sawbridgeworth. Hertfordshire, countries ... but we are not was born in Georgetown, going to be pushed around, Guyana, moving to this country with his parents

when he was five. Jaymee, born on August 5, 1984, was his oldest child. "Jaymee has always had a would not pay for her care, but it was not the right thing cause she was my first child and I think there's a different bond between you and your first-born," he told Sarah Bar-clay, a Panorama reporter who has written a book on the

Child B story.
Father perceived daughter
as the flagship of the family
and was fiercely proud of her
spirited independence. You get your fingers burned with Jaymee if you upset her, she has a very analytical mind, very inquiring, very probing."

She lived up to her reputation in October last year when she commented for the never give up, unless you are just on the last little drop of life you have in you. Never give up." Asked what she would do if Mr Thornbon were in the room with her che in the room with her, she Turn to page 2, column 3

## Cabinet goes on beef attack

John Palmer in Strasbourg and Michael White

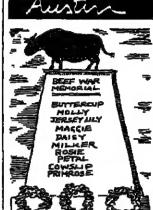
up its war of words and diplomatic obstruction with the European Union sterday, just as EU officials pledged again to fight for an early lifting of the ban on British beef byproducts. As the Prime Minister effec-tively elbowed aside Douglas

Hogg, the Agriculture Minister, by setting up two new Cabinet Office committees to ban on all beef products, the Foreign Secretary, Malcolm Rifkind, played to the Tory Eurosceptic gallery at home. While welcoming the Euro-pean Commission's renewed

efforts to lift the ban on gelatin, tallow and bull semen as positive and supportive. Mr Rifkind admitted the Cabi-net's tougher stance had been greeted with dismay and anger in other EU capitals. It will prove counterproductive. London is being told.

"The crucial point is that we didn't expect the Prime Minister's announcement to be welcomed by other said. Sweden which has also mind wonderfully," he said.

The byproducts ban is costing British farmers £35 mil-lion a year, but the blanket ben is costing £500 million. To the anger of Tory rightwingers, a more cautious note was persistently struck in media interviews by the cabinet's most vocal pro-Euro-pean, Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor.



pected decision by EU vets decision which the commission will now put to next isters - there are widespread doubts that Mr Major would really block forthcoming summit towards the end of next month.

"These problems cannot be solved by strongarm tactics or blackmail," the Italian foreign minister, Lamberto Dini. supported Britain over the beef ban, also warned that the EU must ensure that any British ban does not affect the work of the community.

However, EU ministers will probably vote by a sufficient majority to lift the partial ban on June 3 or — after a further delay of 15 days — the commission will invoke rarely used powers to lift it.

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## Owen Oyston jailed for six years for rape of girl

David Ward

HE millionaire businessman Owen Ovston was jailed for six years yesterday after being con-victed of raping and indecently assaulting a 16-year-old

model.

The judge told him: "You were rich and powerful. She was young and vulnerable. I don't believe she led you on in any way."

A jury of eight women and him is 25-year-old daughter, Heidi, one of his five children, fought back tears.

Mr Justice McCullough is the dock and him is 25-year-old daughter, Heidi, one of his five children, fought back tears.

any way."

A jury of eight women and four men found him guilty on

Mr Oyston, aged 62 and a

benefactor of the Labour Party, had depied all three charges. Dressed in a dark blue suit and wearing his Blackpool Football Club tie, he stood with his hands folded as sentence was passed.

jailed Oyston for three years for indecent assault and six the two counts after more than eight hours of deliberation at the end of a 20-day trial at Liverpool crown court. They acquitted him of the formula of the first of the sentences of the first of the sentence of the se

raping another model, aged 18 | hoped your advantages of age, (Miss A). fluence her to agree with what you wanted. But when it came to it, she did not.
"It is impossible to assess

the extent to which Miss B has been traumatised by the The court had heard that during a late-night car jour-

ney in 1991, Oyston forced Miss B to have oral sex with him. When they arrived at Claughton Hall, his manor house near Lancaster, he raped her.

and unresponsive, making it | from its present town centre clear that she was not ground to a new stadium.

was sold for an estimated £30 million.

He has had interests in several radio stations, including the highly profitable Picca-dilly Radio, Manchester. Last month he invested a reported \$1 million in the newly launched Sunday Business. He is chairman of Blackpool

consenting.

Oyston made his first fortune by building up a chain of estate agents, which at its peak ran from the Midlands' to the Scottish Border and to the Scottish Border and the statement after the verdict, Oyston's solicitor, Michael Burne, said: "Mr Oyston would like to thank his wife, family and friends to the Scottish Border and the statement after the verdict, Oyston's solicitor, Michael Burne, said: "Mr Oyston would like to thank his wife, family and friends to the Scottish Border and solicitor, Wichael Burne, said: "Mr Oyston would like to thank his wife, family and friends to the Scottish Border and solicitor, Wichael Burne, said: "Mr Oyston would like to thank his wife, family and friends to the Scottish Border and solicitor, Wichael Burne, said: "Mr Oyston would like to thank his wife, family and friends to the Scottish Border and solicitor, with the said of the state agents, which at its peak ran from the Midlands' his wife, family and friends to the Scottish Border and solicitor, with the said of the said In a statement after the ver-

viously very disappointed at the result. "He has always maintained his innocence and we intend to look carefully at grounds

for appeal."

Oyston originally faced sex charges involving six young women, Last year a Manchester stipendiary magistrate ruled that there was no cas to answer on charges of rap-ing one girl and indecently assaulting two others.

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Owen Oyston . . . Labour Party benefactor

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Tony Blair warned his party that it had not yet won victory in the battle of ideas. the precondition for poli triumph.

Britain

President Clinton promised to develop a signined down and to keep the military ready to

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#### Sketch

### All quiet on the Freeman front



Simon Hoggart

deeply perverse about the House of Commons. The day after the Government declared war on Europe we had to undergo one of the most nar coleptic sessions in the Cham-ber anyone could remember.

It is usually like this. At the sitting immediately after we last declared war, on Argentina in April 1982, MPs de-bated the Local Government Finance (Number 2) Bill (Grant-Related Expenditure) in front, I suspect, of an

equally empty House. Yesterday's subject was Deelopments in the Civil Service, never a topic to quicken the blood, and it was remarkable how few civil servants were around to hear it. As for MPs, the trains home were crammed to the corridors with fleeing legislators, ministerial cars brought limo-lock to Whitehall, and flying squads of northern Labour MPs were thumbing lifts on the MI slip road (drivers stop for Clare Short in hot pants, then Dennis Skinner jumps out of the bushes and climbs in too).

Speaking for the Government was Mr Roger Freeman, who is Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and so, through the strange disburse ment of titles throughout the British constitution, responsible for civil servants. (If we had someone called Minister for the Civil Service, he would be in charge of the Duke of Lancaster's estate

management). Mr Freeman is an accountant by trade, of course. He has that curiously soothing voice which accountants use to stop you getting excited. If he were elling you that your forgotten shares in the South Sea Trading Company were now unexpectedly worth £10 million, or alternatively that Rob ert Maxwell had made off with

your life savings, his tone would not change. He is deeply dull. Yesterday

Michael Billington

HERE does theatre begin? With actor, author or director,

there are very few rules, but

theatre has stemmed from a

of a written text. The Malv

politan Nottingham Play-

collaborative interpretation

Claustrophobia, getting its British première at the cosmo-

nouse before moving on to Glasgow and London, derives.

however, from actors' impro-visations. Which may explain

why it combines stunning en-

semble vivacity with struc-

tural amorphousness. The Maly, under Lev Do-din's direction, are an amaz-

ing troupe. And, over the last

decade, they have built up a

Brothers and Sisters, and Gau-

leamus. But in the past their physical inventiveness has

loyal following in Britain through such productions as Stars in the Morning Sky,

existing texts or adapted novels. Here they have no

such safety-net, and it shows. Claustrophobia started from the actors' responses to their native Russia on return-

ing from foreign travels: what is records is the confusion of a

young generation caught be-

tween the collapse of the Soviet system and the uncer-

tainties of freedom. They seem to be search for an iden-

tity in an ideological vacuum.

But, while the broad thrust is

clear, the details are often

The setting is a white-

walled room in the St Peters-burg Theatre Academy: the

puzzline.

historically most great

**But eastward** 

look, it's all a blur

First night

in the course of his speech he uttered what may have been the three most dreary words heard in the Chamber this ear: "Seventhly, Madam peaker . . . " The trouble is, he knows he

is boring. Like many of the great hores, he tells you. "One of our national newspapers de-scribes our contributions to this debate as rather sleep-inducing," he said, in the faintly piteous manner of the office crasher, who hopes you will say, "no, no, dear me, Roger! You, boring! Why, compared to Peter Tapsell, you're almos

A few courteous Tories mut ered dissent from Mr Freeman's confession. Encour-aged, he mentioned a select committee in the House of Lords, concerned with the civil service. "I look forward to appearing at the select com mittee in Another Place after the Whitsuntide recess.

An image swam into my head: Mr Freeman, lying on a tropical beach in pin-striped trunks, waves from a turquoise sea murmuring sibilantly on the shore, a chilled pina colada in his hand, reflecting that the one thing which would make his happi-ness complete would be the chance to talk about the civil service to a House of Lords

The air of torpor suffused the Chamber. One MP, Mr Bernard Jenkin, rose to interene. After a few moments Mr Freeman sat down to give way, but Mr Jenkin, presumably unable to stand it any longer, had left his seat and engaged the Speaker in conersation about something about anything at all: hints on lint removal, perhaps, or constitutional problems in the Hanseatic League.
A spasm of interest seeme

to overtake Mr Freeman, but quickly passed. "We should look clearly and coldly — and in as boring a way as possible — at these issues!" he said. At this point, fearful that I might fall asleep and crash over the gallery rail onto the half-dozen MPs in attendance,

I also departed. In the lobbies they were talking about the threat of the European tallow mountain and the semen lake. It sounded like a revolting health spa in the French Alps for men deeply worried about their virility.

at the barre, two male stu-dents float in through the win-

dow. After exploring their am biguous sensuality and sniffing glue, they define

themselves as "ubiquists": or-ganisms that adapt to any new form of life. What follows is a

kaleidoscopic picture, filled with dance, music and acro-

batics, of the hazards of adapt

ing to a society uncertain of its own future.

One point that emerges clearly is that the new Russia

contains disturbing echoes of

the old. A crippled violin-play-ing beggar finds herself ex-cluded from a church which

has its own mendicant mafia. A queue, which could be pre-

or post-perestroika, dissolves

quists" even create an old-style collective farm in which

fringement of state rules. Rus

sia, it is implied, is in a fluctu-

ating turmoil in which old Communist thought-patterns lurk beneath the surface.

Mozart, Piaf; a suspended

framework that in Gaudea-

worth seeing. As a guide to the new Russia, it is a sketchily

impressionistic plece crying out for an authorial vision.

people are punished for in-

into fractious nationalist squabbles. The new "ubi-

## Clinton steals march on Republicans by pledging mini Star Wars system

Martin Walker in Washington

RESIDENT Clinton promised yesterday to develop a slimmed down version of Ronald Reagan's Star Wars missile shield within the next years, and pledged to the United States military "prepared to fight and win on two fronts at once". He laid out his vision of a secure and all-powerful America, whose trade and values would dominate the future, while his homeland and its far-flung garrisons of troops overseas would be pro-tected from ballistic missile

"We will enter the 21st century with a military whose fighting edge is sharper than ever," Mr Clinton told the US Coast Guard Academy in Conof his re

"With a peaceful, undivided Europe and a stable, prosper-ous Asia; with fewer nuclear weapons in the world's ar-senals and tough new agree-ments to control chemical and biological weapons; with terrorists, organised crimi-nals and drug traffickers on the run, not on the rampage; with more barriers to Ameri-can products coming down; with more people than ever before living with the blessings of peace and democ

and military issues since his avoidance of the Vietnam war, Mr Clinton is determined to pre-empt the attacks of his Republican

necticut, in one of the care- Dole. Mr Dole has already at-fully prepared policy tacked Mr Clinton for "a weak and vacillating foreign policy that dismays our allies mies", and has sought to make Star Wars into an important electoral theme.

But Mr Clinton argued: "The possibility of a long-range missile attack on Amerlcan soil by a rogue state is more than a decade away. To prevent it, we are committed to developing by the year 2000 a defensive system that could be deployed by 2003, well before the threat becomes real. "We cannot withdraw into Fortress America — there is no wall high enough to keep out the threats to our security --- or to isolate ourselves from

the world economy or other trends in the global society.
"Democracy and free mar

our support, the power of our | example, the resolve of our leadership," he added. "Imag-ine the the slaughter we would still be seeing in Bos-nia if we had not brought our The reality in Bosnia is, however, at odds with Mr

Clinton's triumphalist vision. He and the German chancellor, Helmut Kohl, meeting today in Wisconsin, are to discuss what to do if the Nato-led international peacekeeping force in the former Yugoslav republic has not stabilised the area by the end of its mandate in about seven months. Germany has sent a much smaller armed contingent to

Bosnia than the US, Britain or France but is desperate to send home the 320,000 refus from former Yugoslavia

During his US visit, Dr Kohl is due to meet the de-

Perry, and military officers. An adviser to Dr Kohl said in Bonn yesterday that the chancellor would express his views on how the security partnership between Europe and America should be expanded in the aftermath of the cold war.
The aide said it was in US

interests to deepen the relationship with Europe and avoid 2 single-minded orientation toward the Pacific rim. In yesterday's speech, Mr Clinton pledged that America would continue to provide global leadership in the next century, as it had in this one. He rejected any return to iso-lationism and pledged that the US military would con-tinue to dominate the seas,

the air and space.
This could be done without hankrupting the US budget.

ure. At about 3.7 per cent of GDP, this year's Pentagon budget is the lowest share of the US economy since 1940, the year before the country brought into the second world war. It still amounts to more than the combined total of the world's next 10 biggest

Mr Dole's attempt to use the Republican majority in Congress to mandate the building of an anti-missile defensive system, would waste \$60 billion, Mr Clinton in-

choose a costly misile defence system today that could be ob-solete tomorrow. They want us to deploy it before we know the details and the di-







One of the dead seals washed up on the beach at Filey, above, where a group of men armed with clubs had earlier told local residents Marie Sweeting, top right, and Darren Taylor that they were planning to kill seals to protect salmon stocks. Mr Taylor photographed the men at Filey Brigg, bottom right, a favourite basking place for seals

## Slaughter of seals shocks family seaside resort

Martin Walnwright

NE of Britain's leading family resorts has been shaken by the clubbing to death of seven seals, two of them found in a pool of blood near the children's corner of

The slaughter has shocked the North Yorkshire port of Filey, which combines bucket-and-spade tourism with inshore fishing, espe-cially for salmon and sea

Marine experts and the RSPCA yesterday denounced the killings as "brutal and disgusting" and graphic pic-ture evidence of a stabbed and

blood-soaked seal has men she met on Filey Brigg, a alarmed the local tourism industry. Police and RSPCA inspectors appealed yesterday were not what I'd call fisherspectors appealed yesterday for information about the deaths, which left the animals with smashed heads, broken spines and stab wounds.
Witnesses have already

come forward to claim that a small number of local fishermen armed with clubs and martial arts sticks went hunting for the seals, claiming they damaged their salmon business. Most fishermen in Filey and Scarborough, the area's main port, have expressed horror at the killings. Marie Sweeting, a house-

wife from Filey, has given the

RSCPA details of a group of

men, but people who make money out of fish," she said. Seals bask on the Brigg's Seals bask on the Brigg's ledges at this time of year and allow people to approach.

Mrs Sweeting added: "I was out with my daughter and two of the men told us they were going out to kill seals. We'd been passing the time of day with them and when we asked how they were one said. ame distressed.

how they were, one said: 'Very well, thanks — better than those sods out there are going to be.' They weren't go-ing to spend £1,000 on a salmon licence to see the fish

passed to the RSPCA and North Yorkshire police by Darren Taylor, aged 20, of Fi-ley, who was with Mrs Sweeting and took photographs.

Mrs Sweeting said they did
not see any actual attacks on seals, because they had to leave the Brigg when her 13-year-old disabled daughter be-

Two blood-soaked seals were washed up later close to children's corner, one with a deep gash between its flip-pers. Mr Taylor said: "It was a sickening sight. There was blood and gore all over the

Marine specialist Simon Foster, from Scarborough Sea

Details of the incident were | Life Centre, who has received | stopping-off point for grey and the DEPCA and details of two other attacks, | common seals travelling bedetails of two other attacks, said the seals' injuries in-cluded flattened snouts and deep neck wounds, as well as crushed pelts and a gaff slash.
"It is disgusting, barbaric slaughter," he said. "I have never seen injuries anything like this."

Conff Edmands, BSBCA

Geoff Edmonds, RSPCA deputy chief inspector for the region, said the group was determined to track down the killers, who face six months in prison or a maximum 25,000 fine. Fishermen are only entitled to kill seals which damage their nets, and must use specified rifles and

The Yorkshire coast is a

large colonies off Lincolnshire and in the Farne Islands, Northumbria. The victims at Filey were all grey seals from a fluctuating population tween the Humber and Tees.

Mr Foster appealed for public vigilance along the coast. He said: "I would still be sur-prised to discover that it was maverick elements of the fishing or fish-farming industry, because we have enjoyed nothing but total support here, and recognition that there is little evidence that seals have any impact on fish

## 'Never give up unless you are on the last drop of life'

Physically, the show is an astonishing Meyerholdian display: the actors kick and high-step to bursts of Rossini, continued from page 1
replied: "I wouldn't sit there
and say anything; I would go
over and whack him one."
The earliest signs of her illness were spotted in December 1989, when Jaymee was
five. She developed a swelling
on her left cheek that grew
into a lumn the size of a solf door turns into an operating table; the room itself symboli cally disintegrates. What I miss is the kind of narrative mus gave a structure to the ensemble virtuosity. Even judged as a spectacle, this two year-old show has been overtaken by recent events, with the Communists edging close towards the middle-ground. As a showcase for Dodin's multi-talented company.
Claustrophobia is eminently

into a lump the size of a golf ball. Her doctor diagnosed mumps. It was almost a year before cancer was diagnosed. It is an acute irony that when she first fell ill ber father had a booming prop-erty business. On a whim he bought a new Rolls-Royce for £90,000 in which he used to drive Jaymee to school.

But soon after cancer was a month of striving he was treatment from Dr Peter Gradiagnosed, his firm foundered put in touch with Professor vett, a private Harley Street and he was made bankrupt. When he needed cash to pay for his daughter's treatment, none was at hand. In January 1995, when

David Bowen was told by doc-tors his daughter had eight weeks to live, he refused to accept it. "I will walk over anything and anyone," he told Sarah Barclay. "I'll continue like a machine — I won't eat, I won't sleep, I will achieve the task. That's the way I am."

put her chances of longer-term survival at 10 per cent. "We are doctors, not robots," he said. "It's not appropriate to refuse treatment — you should always keep your op-tions open."

John Goldman of Hammer-

If Jaymee could survive

chemotherapy, Prof Goldman

smith hospital.

Having failed through the courts to force the NHS to fund a last-ditch attempt to save his child. Mr Bowen He spent his time scouring medical tomes and contacting specialists in America. After donor. The money paid for penditure was justified."

haematologist who gave Jay-mee a controversial second bone marrow and white cell transplant from her sister. The NHS dubbed the treatment "experimental"; Dr Gra-vett called it "the most prom-

vett called it "the most prom-ising option around".
Yesterday Dr Gravett said Jaymee had been given a year of relatively good health as a result of his care. "Conven-tional treatment would have allowed her a few more weeks. Is it worth \$5.000 a month to Is it worth 25,000 a month to

compromise between these polarised positions; no half-way ground. The logic of the NHS's position, its insistence that all that sensibly could have been deep feet. have been done for Jaymee was done cannot be squared with David Bowen's desire to keep his child alive. This is the black hole where com-monsense and the craving for existence collide.

There is some comfort, perhaps, in Jaymee Bowen's death. Despite her seemingly insatiable yearning to cling on, it appears she had grown

There is no way of finding a | really," she said to Sarah Barclay, adding she was now pre-pared to die. If there was an afterlife, she wanted to come back as a butterfly. "There's nothing to be scared of, and hopefully it won't be painful." It wasn't. Dr Gravett said she was in no discomfort at

U SAGLA HANN antipodes.

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of its flag; to

the end, and her family was at her bedside. As David Bowen emerged from Jaymee's room he said to the consultant: "Don't let anyone tell you that we failed."

The funeral will be held in a few days' time. Cambridge and Huntingdon health commis-



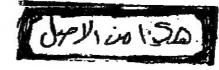
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## We've not won yet, **Blair warns**

Patrick Wintour, Chief Political Correspondent

HE Labour leader Tony Blair, yesterday warned his party that it had not yet won vic-tory in the battle of ideas, the necessary precondition for a electoral triumph next year. Mr Blair has also made a

Air Biair has also made a dramatic appeal to intellectuals and policy makers outside the Labour Party to help to build the kind of alliance that helped in sweeping to power Clement Attlee in 1945 and Margaret Thatcher in 1979. Mr Blair's tough self-assess-ment of the slow intellectual

development of Labour comes after three weeks in which the party's front bench has revealed internal schisms over key policy areas.

Writing in the monthly magazine Prospect, Mr Blair claims that the party has thrown out the dead wood and constructed the building blocks of new idea. blocks of new ideas, but con-cedes: "There is a pressing need for continued debate to deepen these ideas, refine them and toughen them up. People outside the party have a critical role.

"They can help us to understand the issues and forces shaping society so that we can shape the future. And they can contribute to nitty gritty policy work: it may not have the glamour of purer in-tellectual endeavour, but it is

equally demanding". Mr Blair also quotes the view of the influential centre-left politics professor. David Marquand, that "one of the safest rules of politics is that decisive political victories must follow ideological victories. Like armies sweeping through fortifications flat-

ernments beat demoralised opponents whose ideas had come to seem risible or con-

Mr Blair continues:
"Labour is not yet at that stage. The synthesis we achieved in 1945, or the Tories managed after 1979, does not come easily."

The Labour leader also maintains that the modernisation of Attice's government was not matched by Harold Wilson's governments, but rather by Lady Thatcher.

He claims the challenge for a modern party is to recognise difficult realities while providing a more and

providing a programme and message which can move both uncommitted voters and party activists.

Mr Blair also reveals that he believes it is now more difficult to win the battle for ideas, partly because there is no longer a cohesive intellec-tual elite and partly due to the way the modern media cramps political debate through lurid headlines. One consequence, he

claims, is that real debate can no longer take place within parties, let alone across the old left-right political divides. Mr Blair does not denigrate the party's achievements, say ing the building blocks of a new centre-left identity are now in place. These include need to fashion a new social order to combat insecurity, and the need to find a postimperial role for Britain inside Europe.

But he reveals that he is relaxed about right-wing claims that they are constructing the more exciting ideas. He claims this is because they have departed from the mainstream. "This gets them the headlines, but tened by aerial bombardment, mainly because people find the Attlee and Thatcher gov- their ideas bizarre".



Jason Lee . . . a great career ahead of him, with Del Monte?

## Footballer misses the joke after being put on transfer list

ASON LEE, the Not tingham Forest footballer put on the trans-fer list after his confidence was shattered by a series of television sketches mocking his hair and his goalscoring ability, was keep-ing his head down yesterday

- pineapple and all.

Lee is at the centre of one of the strangest soccer stories of the strangest soccer stories of the year, after his manager Frank Clark reportedly claimed that the BBC2 programme Fantasy Football League, presented by Frank Skinner and David Baddiel, had affected the player so much that he was having to sell him

The sketch that seems to have started it all was broadcast on January 12. In it Bad-diel, dressed as Lee — with a pineapple on his head, mim-icking the player's dreadlocked hair gathered with a headband - is summoned to see Clark (Skinner) in his office because Fifa are think of making the goals bigger. He tries to throw an empty

water bottle in the bin, but misses. He tries to put a lump of sugar in his coffee but misses. Viewers then see a series of dreadful howlers from the Lee archive.
"But I made the goal for

Stuart Pearce last week, boss," says Lee. Footage shows Lee miscue horribly from six yards and the ball falls for Pearce him to score. Since then the programme has regularly featured jokes at the player's expense.

According to Clark, oppos tion crowds and even chil dren in playgrounds sing "He's got a pineapple on his head" (to the tune of "He's got the whole world in his hands") at Lee.
"It's a factor in that I feel it

has affected his confidence," said Clark. "It can't be very pleasant to have kids shouting these sort of things at you and that obviously is a direct result of what has come out on the programme."
Frank Skinner, on holiday

of him. The rumour here in thing," he said. "But if the LA is that the Man From Del manager is not someone who Monte is about to say yes to him. Anyway, we've taken the mickey out of Andy Cole

The programme makers were equally defiant. "We feel Clark has done this player no favours by drawing the me dia's attention to the situation."

Figures of fun



Gary Sprake What Jason Lee has been to the 1995/6 season, Gary Sprake was to the late Sixtles and early Seventies. His errors were legendary, and regular, including throwing the ball into his own net thinking the final whistle had gone. His reputation was bad enough to have been passed down the generations, but he maintained it was press



Graham Taylor Taylor suffered having his head transformed by the Sun into a turnip after defeat by the Swedes and was subsequently vegetally lampooned, with the theme accompanying his every match in charge of England. He felt the lash of Spitting Image with a sketch in which Hitler and Saddam but Taylor is kicked out as an unacceptable customer.



Tony Adams ms was branded a donkey by Aston Villa fans for his alleged clumsiness and lack of ball skills and his appearances from then on brought a chorus of braying. The Daily Mirror published a picture of him as a donkey. Driving his car Into a wall while drunk didn't help, but Arsenal fans turned it around, heehawing with delight as he made crucial tackles.

all season and it hasn't affected him, has it?"

That view was echoed by sports psychologist John Syer. "The environment of a in Los Angeles, denied the claim last night. "I think Jason has a great career ahead players from this sort of

manager is not someone who is good at creating a team spirit then the player is much more vulnerable."

Skinner and Baddiel wrote to Lee in April inviting him on to the show. "We know you probably think we're a pair of bastards," they wrote, "but in all honesty it was never our intention to hurt your feelings . . . Anyway, the point is we really like your haircut. It's much better than Frank Clark's.

## Bank points to bad debts trap

Sarah Ryle

ORTGAGE lenders battling to offer home-buyers the lowest interest rates and biggest cash-backs are fuelling fears of a return to the bad debt prob-

housing market collapse. Building societies' and look healthy now, Bank of England officials said yesterday. But if the lenders keep up the drive to hold down mortgage rates — already at a 30-year-low — they could be storing up trouble for the

The Bank said that lenders were relying on the continu-ing stability of inflation, and therefore interest rates, to shore up their special deals. It warned that provision for bad debt was at historically low levels and banks were risking big losses similar to those of the late 1980s and early 1990s. Interest rates then rose

sharply to control inflation and unemployment shot up, forcing thousands into bad debt and repossession of their

homes.
Lenders have assured the Bank that they have learned from past mistakes of taking too much risk and lending too much money. But the Old
Lady is concerned that competition for market share

Best deals could bounce back on the industry in two or three years' One of the key reasons that

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the mortgage companies were now able to offer cashbacks and discounted rates was the relatively low return they are currently paying to savers, according to the Bank's annual report, published yesterday. Many customers have left

Many customers have let their deposits intact despite low interest rates in anticipation of windfall gains from conversions by building societies to banks and from acquisitions like the Lloyds Bank/Cheltenbam & Gloucester

to leave cash on deposit.

According to its report, the

banking industry is generally healthy in terms of capital and also profitable by past standards. Margins on home mortgages have been quite for three years

high recently by interna-tional standards. But it urged caution over accounting for the schemes used to win busi ness, like cashbacks, and warned banks to resist the erosion of covenants in com-

lems suffered after the 1980s ing the reins on bank lending to individuals and to businesses would "store up problems for the future

The British Bankers Association said last night that it had no fears about lenders making proper provi-sion for the special deals in their accounts. It dismissed the prospect of the battle for mortgage market share causing overheating in the hous-ing market and subsequent

problems for borrowers.
Building societies said they would prefer not to have to cut mortgage rates back but had no option in the current

The spokeswoman for the Building Societies Association, Sue Anderson, said: "It is no secret that some lenders would prefer not to be so competitive. Once it is like that, however, it's very difficult not to join in, because if you don't, then you lose market share. Borrowers are only interested in the up-front cost of

mortgages:

Barclays Bank: 7.24 per cent on 95 per cent mortgage, 3 per cent cash back up to £6,000.

Cheshire building Society 5 20 per cent on 96 per

ety: 6.99 per cent on 90 per cent mortgage, 5 per cent cash back upto £12,000. ■ Bradford & Bingley Building Society: 6.99 per cent on 90 per cent mort-gage, fee £150, cash back 5 per cent up to £10,000 2. Fixed and discounted

deal.

But the Bank warned that this money is not locked up forever. Current rates to savers might offer little incentive to leave and the same of the cent for six months, no fee.

3. Discounted rate mort-

gages, all buyers: ■ Leeds & Holbeck: 0.99 per cent until Feb1997

Yorkshire: 3.74 per cent

EU cheesed off by tax scam

TALIAN tax inspectors served up a scandal yester-day to stiffen the resolve of even the most timid Eurosceptic - an alleged agriscam they claim has cost the European Union's taxpayers at least £31 million. The fraud, aimed at evading

rules for protecting EU produce, was said to have been carried out with the connivance of a semi-official Swiss farm board. Food importers in France and Germany are also accused of involvement. Acting on the orders of a prosecutor in the northern Italian town of Varese, armed tax inspectors raided the offices of 33 companies which purchase cheese from Switerland. The visit resulted in the entire board of directors

pany being charged with fraud and embezzlement. At the centre of the scandal is the Bern-based Schweizer ische Kaseunion AG, (Swiss Cheese Union) a quasi-govern-mental organisation which is responsible for buying and marketing all the hard cheese

produced by Swiss farmers. To protect the EU's agricultural output from cheaper im-ports from non-Union countries, the European Com-mission sets minimum import prices. Buyers in the EU who import goods costing less than this minimum price have to pay much stiffer import duty. According to the Schweizerische Kaseunion, the duty increased twentyfold

over the threshold. over the threshold.

Italian tax inspectors alleged that, for eight years, the Schweizerische Kaseunion systematically evaded these levies. It sold vast quantities of cheese to Italian companies leged that, for eight years, the Schweizerische Kaseunion systematically evaded these levies. It sold vast quantities of cheese to Italian companies at inflated prices, which saved the importers duty, then refunded them the extra cost of the cheese. cost of the cheese.

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of its flag; Israelis tie theirs to their car aerials.

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firm, Prealpi Spa, Italy's big-gest importer of Swiss cheese. Prealpi alone evaded £31 million of duty, the inspectors

claimed. They said a large part of the rebates went, not to the company, but into its directors' Swiss bank accounts. They have been charged with em-bezzling some \$8.8 million: A Schweizerische Kaseun-

ion spokesman admitted last night that the facts as outlined by the Italians were sub-

stantially correct.
"But if we ask whether it was legal or not legal, the answer is not clear. It is a the law allows." He said that while various

grades of cheese had been ex-ported at different prices, the real overall price was above the EU's minimum import three cheeses involved were Gruyere, Emmental and the esser-known Sbring. Asked whether Schweizer-

ische Kaseunion denied making payments to Italian com-pany directors, the spokesman replied: "If you don't pay the money to the directors of a company, who else should you give it to?" Some of the reimbursements were made by bank transfer, but others were by cheque, he said.

The first intimation of the The first intumation of the scandal came earlier this month in a report from an EU anti-fraud body in Brussels. This indicated that the duty avoided came to 18 million ECUs (£10.4 million) in Italy, against 3.9 million ECUs in France and 1.2 million ECUs in Germany.

the Standa supermarket chain, owned by the former The investigators were Italian prime minister, Silvio speaking after a raid on the Berlusconi.



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## Mother and daughter are reunited after 56 years

Sarah Boseley on 'miracle' for woman forced to abandon six-week-old baby

for 35 years in a men-tal asylum where she was taken with post-natal de-pression, is to be reunited week-old baby.

Katie Claxton, aged 79.

spoke to her daughter Maureen, now 56 and living in the United States. for the first with the daughter she was

United States, for the first time over the phone last week. Their emotional ex-change marked the end of 50

years of tragedy and loss.
While Katie, whose depression lasted only a couple of months, was locked in a ward with highly disturbed women. separated from her child but never ceasing to think about her. Maureen endured a miserable and violent childhood. "I have been pining for her all these years," said Mau-

reen. "I am very angry. If I had known where she was, would have been happier. could have maybe got her out of the hospital.

Her mother, now living in a sheltered flat in Manchester said the reunion was a mir acle. "I never thought I would

Katie, who at one time was receiving regular electro-con-

N ELDERLY woman, | ter, to accept her lot. "I had who was incarcerated milk fever with having the for 35 years in a men-baby." she said. "They shouldn't have kept me in the hospital. There was nothing wrong with me. Some of

been placed in an orphanage. When George Claxton returned, he took his young daughter out and cared for her, but about a year later he

died of cancer.

Maureen, then aged six, went to live with an aunt and uncle, who said her mother was dead. "They wouldn't let me have any contact with my mother's family." said Mau-reen. My aunt was very cruel to me. She used to beat me." One day, when she was 12, a friend's mother said her grandmother lived nearby. Maureen visited her and told her she was her granddaughter. "She showed me the room where I was born. She told me my mother was in hospital, but never said which one."

Soon afterwards, Maureen ran away. "I couldn't take any more beatings." Her uncle took her to another relative. "Her husband attacked vulsive therapy, learned in me, so I went to stay with my Springfield hospital, in girlfriend's parents. I stayed Crumpsall, Greater Manches- until I was 18."



Katie Claxton, 79, with a photograph of her long lost daughter Maureen, to whom she spoke for the first time last week

She married - a GI bride and moved to the US. She has six children and eight grand-children, although her mar-riage broke up after 10 years,

'I have been pining for her all these years...lam very angry'

but has never stopped trying to find out about her mother. She traced her to Springfields, but was told by a doc-tor her mother did not recall having a child. She sent a letter, with a photograph, but Katie was not given it until

when she was mugged. The incarceration distressed Katie's mother and sisters, too, say Katie's niece, Joyce Ha-mill, aged 58, and her daughmill, aged 58, and her daugh-ter Jane, aged 31. "My gran and Katie's sis-

ters used to visit Katie, but it was that traumatic and upset-ting," said Jane, from Salford. "They tried to get her out, but nobody would help." None of the family spoke

about the woman in the asylum. "The first time ever l eard about Katle was on the wedding day of my auntie Frances, her sister," said Joyce. "The people next door sang, 'Fil take you home again, Kathleen,' and my grandma started crying. She said it was because auntie Ka-tie was in hospital."

who offered to give her a comes to us. She's lovely, home and persuaded doctors said Joyce. said Joyce. to release her. Katie's mother, Maureen's grandmother, had suffered a

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"She talked about her daughter all the time. She wanted to see her. In the end, I told her I'd try to find her, but I never thought I would. It makes me want to cry, just talking about it."

Ian Rhodes, a spok

for the Manchester health commission, said: "These sorts of cases are not The International Red

Cross tracked Maureen to West Plains, Missouri. She did not know her mother had been released from hospital, and assumed the letter she received was to tell her Katie had died. Instead, it gave he "When Ratie first came to a phone number, and she me she said, 'You're Nora's spoke to her mother for the daughter', and it took off from first time on the evening of

News in brief

#### **Doctors back right** to assist suicides

MOST doctors are in favour of a change in the law to allow "physician-assisted" suicide, according to a survey published yesterday. The first UK research on the issue found that 54 per cent of the 700 GPs, hospital physicians, anaesthetists, psychiatrists and pharmacists who responded to the survey supported a change in the law to allow them to help patients to end their

a change in the law to allow them to help patients to end their life in certain circumstances.

The survey, carried out by Sheila McLean, professor of law and ethics in medicine at Glasgow university, also found that 28 per cent of doctors would be willing to assist a patient in extreme mental or physical pain to commit suicide if it were legal. However, only 3 per cent of doctors admitted they had helped a patient to die.

Professor McLean said: "Anecdotal evidence suggests there are doctors who help patients to die. The aim of the research is to gather information which will allow us to draft a bill to legalise physician-assisted suicide."

#### Bowbelle sinks

THE dredger Bowbelle, which sank the Thames cruiser Marchionness seven years ago with the loss of 51 lives, has itself sunk—two thousand miles away off the coast of Madeira.

The 250-foot sand dredger, working under a new Portuguese name Bom Rei, broke in two on March 25, drowning one of its crew. But the accident went almost unnoticed until yesterday,

when the connection between a routine report from the Lloyd's agent in Madeira was connected with the Marchionness disaster. Members of the Marchionness Action Group, which fought to have a full inquest into the Thames cruiser's loss, expressed little surprise yesterday that the 32-year-old dredger should have sunk. "We always warned that the Bowbelle would come to an end like this", said Margaret Lockwood Croft, whose son Shaun was among those who died during a late-night birthday party cut short by collision under a Thames bridge. "Not only did its visibility problems mean that it had a series of collisions, but also we said there were structural problems." — David Fairhall

#### Fresh clues in hunt for rapist

DETECTIVES yesterday revealed new clues in their hunt for an armed sex attacker who preys on courting couples at a beauty spot. Police believe the man, who has struck four times in five years at Farley Mount, near Winchester, Hampshire, may be a member of the armed services. Detectives are checking with the services to see if the offences coincided with the end of tours of

He last struck in April when a 16-year-old girl was tied up and abducted as she and her 18-year-old boyfriend sat in their car. The girl was driven seven miles and indecently assaulted before being dumped in a lonely country lane. Police revealed yesterday that in an earlier incident in November 1992, when a 20-year-old woman was abducted and raped, she was taken to a cottage or outbuilding within a 15-mile radius of the beauty spot.

#### Big Issue aims to cut suicides

THE Samaritans are training Big Issue sellers in listening skills to help depressed and suicidal homeless people in London. From this week a number of sellers of the magazine for the homeless will be taught suicide awareness in an attempt to reduce the rate of suicides among people living on the streets. An estimated 23 per

cant of the deaths among those living rough are suicide.
Robyn Heaton, manager of the training unit at the Big Issue,
said: "There's already quite a network of vendors who provide a
listening ear to other homeless people and their customers, so this
project seems a natural and logical extension of that."

#### Bullet girl to fly home

A FIVE-YEAR-OLD African orphan who was flown to Britain to have a bullet removed from her skull should be fit to return home next week. Doctors say they expect Tenneh Cole to fly back to Sierra Leone on Tuesday or Wednesday. Tenneh had a bullet removed from behind her right eye nine

days ago by surgeons at the Norwich and Norfolk hospital and staff say they have been delighted with her recovery.

#### Irish police admit accidentally destroying extradition warrant for wanted IRA suspect The Irish parliament had to | the part of Irish authorities in | Dublin court heard that docu-

David Sharrock

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RISH police yesterday asked the Home Office to submit future extradition warrants to them on coloured paper after admitting that they had mistakenly shredded documents last month relating to a man wanted for questioning over the case. in connection with the IRA's bombing campaign in

be suspended three times yes-terday as the row over the failed extradition to Britain of Dubliner Anthony Duncan raged. Several opposition MPs were expelled from the chamber, one of whom refused to withdraw a claim that the prime minister, John Bruton, had misled the house

Opposition members said Mr Bruton told the Dail last month there was no fault on

their handling of the case. But Mr Bruton insisted: "The statement I made was accurate and true, based on information I had at the time." He said a Garda investigation into the affair had only been

more than a year.

the Irish justice minister, Nora Owen, admitted in a written parliamentary reply that the original warrant had been "destroyed accidentally" while copies of it were being made by the Gardai.

In the hope of further extra-dition documents avoiding a

a good photocopy. If the origi-nal is on coloured paper it won't be mistaken for a copy. The history of extradition between the Irish Republic

and Britain is littered with mistakes, confusion and bit-ter rows. The lowest point

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completed two days ago. The extradition hearing against Mr Duncan — who is wanted for questioning about RA bomb attacks in England as Dublin government coloured paper to distinguish of Father Patrick Ryan, when before the 1994 ceasefire — sources initially tried to pin them from photocopies. A Margaret Thatcher accused collapsed last month after a the blame for the mistake on Garda source said: "It's very Dublin of a "lack of resolve".

ments were "fundamentally flawed". Mr Duncan was freed but immediately rearrested and charged with IRA membership. A new extradi-tion attempt cannot be heard until this charge has been dealt with, which could take

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Flag-waving strategy may boost Tory election hopes, but Eurosceptics doubt Prime Minister's nerve to push battle with Brussels

## MPs see beef as Major's Falklands

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To left the beet by-products ban at the next agriculture ministors' council a qualified majority (62 out of 87) of votes will be needed. To maintain the ban a simple majority of member states voting, 8 out of 15, would be needed. But Britain already has seven countries on its side.

In favour Of lifting the by-products but

preliminary to complete removal of worldwide ban. Yotes under qualified majority voting procedures: 10

Ineland: Desperate to get trade moving, but agriculture minister Ivan Yates thinks Britan must ofter more detailed slaughter plans.

seet wants ban lifted: consumption down by more than a third and French farmers can't self their beef. Votes: 10

litaly: beet market also badly affacted Votes: 10

ric Last country to ban British beel. Phiegmatic about the BSE crisis despite highest term

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more severe culling but accept that by-products are sale,



C Opposed To lifting the by-products ban

Germany: deeply opposed to any litting of sanctions until Britain has proved BSE is eradicated.

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Hand, Keigkun and Luxensbourge surprising detectors: may have concluded it would do no harm with consumers at home to oppose a litting of the ban. Votes: Holland and

Peter Hetherington. "But they can't go abroad," he laments, "and they're get-ting too big for the home mar-

Michael White Political Editor

ACKBENCH Conservative euphoria over John Major's European beef pored yesterday by twinges of doubt. Moderates fear that the Prime Minister has disastrously over-estimated Brit-ain's hand while the more sceptical Eurosceptics won-

der if the Cabinet has the nerve to see the campaign through to victory. Tony Blair and Paddy Ashdown were aware that behind the sabre-rattling was the vague outline of a flag-waving strategy to save the Torles' election hopes. "It's like the Falklands, it's a huge gamble with a lot at stake," MPs said.

Thatcher's triumph over Ar-genting in 1982 which consoll-dated her Iron Lady reputa-said one. tion and election win in 1983.

Wary of unpatriotic pitfalls, the Labour leader lay low, though he is planning to seek Italy's help in lifting the ban when he meets the new Italian prime minister, Romano Prodi, during a flying visit to Rome today.

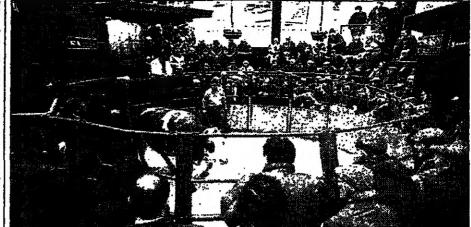
But Mr Ashdown sent an open letter accusing Mr Major of siding with the sceptics in his "reckless gamble" with both Britain's beef industry and its long-term rela-tions with Europe. "If this gamble fails, then

your authority as Prime Minister will have gone and the only honourable course left for you will be to resign and call a general election," he wrote, Some rightwing Tories

A gentler sceptic said: "For the first time I can see the outlines of a possible election victory." Other Tory MPs fear Mr Major has let the sceptic genie out of the bottle and will be unable to control it. "It's a serious misjudg-ment. It's us who have mis-handled this crisis and now

we're threatening Europe even as we seek more com-pensation," said one. Both wings of the party fear that Mr Major will "declare vic-tory" too soon, when the beef byproducts ban is lifted, and may then be expected to make concessions on other issues.

The real question is whether the beef crisis has produced a fundamental shift of backbench and ministerial Mr Major is said to have see it in equally bloody terms, sentiment into the sceptics' used the same analogy — a "I can't believe he'll get it camp or whether it is an ill-reference to Margaret right and there are plenty of considered tactic.



David Tomlinson leads the forlorn auction at Borderway market, Carlisle, yesterday, Where cattle over 30-months-old were sold at rock bottom prices PHOTOGRAPH TED DITCHBURN

#### Farmer

HE beef cattle are growing ominously fat on Henry Blake's 330 acre Cumbrian farm. By now his prime two-year-old steers should be heading from Eden Valley to an abattoir in north-east Scotland bound for the dinner tables of the Continent, writes

be laments, "and they're get-ting too big for the home mor-ket and too old."

As a result, more than 70 animals from what he thinks

to auction then bringing them
back again."

By the time the animals
reach 30 months they will be
past their sell-by date and

is a BSE-free herd are being ready for disposal.

put out to grass in the forlorn hope they will find a market. But in his heart Mr Blake knows they will become part of the slaughter programme. He is losing on all fronts. "I have never seen a BSE case, and I would have been better off if all my cattle were over 30 months jand qualifying for compensation]. My worst fear is that if things are not back

to normal by the end of the year we shall be struggling. I have been taking the animals

#### Auctioneer

DAVID Tomlinson, the auctioneer, said the cattle sale fulfilled his worst expectations, writes Peter Hetherington.

For over two hours, he Tomlinson thundered. conveyed 337 prime beef steers through the ring of

#### argest batch of prohibited cows, 30-month-olds banned from entering the Abattoir food chain, handled at the

THE backlog of cattle waiting to be led into the Gov-Borderway complex in Carlisle. The abattoir will receive £87.50 for each aniernment's slaughter policy is now estimated at up to 150,000 mal. "Who pays for it? You, and me, the taxpayer," Mr animals, mainly dairy cows at the end of their productive life, writes Owen Bowcott.

The sale and slaughter system appears at breaking one of Britain's largest | point with older cows up to markets at a rock bottom 12-years old, the "cast" cat-price of about £826 a piece, the that once went for meat with the Government and the EU picking up most of the tab. "Tremendous meat, this, from traditionally reared cattle," he said.

The animals were the tent that once went for meat processing, absent from yesterday's saie. Abattors can not cope with the backlog. "We've got 6,000 on our books and can't get rid of them," said Mr Tomlinson. the process of killing, render-ing and incinerating carcasses of cattle over 30 the human food chain.

this spring — after the latest scare over BSE and its human equivalent CJD - forced farmers to hold back their herds from market, creating a backlog now estimated at be-tween 100,000 and 150,000 animals.

Before the announcement of a suspected new strain of By next week the Intervention Board, which is co-ordinating the programme of destroying animals, plans to have 61 abattoirs involved in rate to 25,000 a week.

If successful, it will therefore take three to four months to clear the backlog and months to remove them from | revert to previous levels of

#### BSE crisis puts 36,000 out of jobs with more set to go

reacted to the news there was no hope of early reprieve to any kind of beef exports.

Although farmers have complained most and received compensation and support from the Government, no jobs so far appear to have been lost.

processing plants, hauliers, pie, burger and sausage makers have all lost jobs. Government statistics show that up to May 3, 4,500 people reporting to JobCentres blamed the

The Transport and General Workers' Union says its origi-nal estimate was 10,000 jobs lost in the abattoir sector but when the associated meat processing and food manufactur-ing were added, it grew to

Peter Currie, who works at | sector.

Midland Meat Packers, Paul Brown
Environment Correspondent

OB losses due to the BSE crisis are estimated at 36,000 so far with more expected in the next few days as hard-pressed employers reacted to the news there was round the country is that 36,000 have lost their jobs and

> daily." in 1995 the beef business employed 200,000 people di-rectly, and 1.5 million in associated jobs in an industry

ment estimates of jobs likely to be lost concern the abattoir and food processing businesses. Accountancy firm ing to JobCentres blamed the BSE crisis for losing their last job.

6,000 to 8,000 jobs to go over the next year and 15,000 to 20,000 in the food processing business.

Butchers have also been hit by the beef crisis with around 30 closing a week — 15 to 20 citing BSE as the final straw which spelled their demise. Hauliers expect to shed 20 per cent of the 6,000 jobs in the

#### Press

THERE was little comfort or sympathy for the Government's stance reflected in yesterday's European Press.

The Frankfurter Aligemeine, dismissed Mr Maonly "rhetorical signif-icance". Le Monde said: "It was

London, not Paris or Bonn, the numbers are going up which initiated the crisis. In legitimising the hypothesis that BSE was transmissible to man, John Major's government had clearly not considered the legree of responsibility it

The Italian centre left daily La Repubblica ar-gued: "The most relevant aspect of Major's speech is not what he said but where he said it — Westminster and not Brussels. The speech has to be read in the light of domestic rather

"It says a lot about the weakness of the British conservatives and that of the Prime Minister himself, nowadays a hostage to the most Eurosceptical circles in his own party."

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# Joker in the Stalinist pack Us envoy intent on

# toppling Karadzic

Who is the man who claims to hold influence over the high-flying Communist leader Gennady Zyuganov? **David Hearst** in Moscow spoke to Viktor Anpilov

IKTOR ANPILOV admires Stalin and the dictatorship of the proletariat. And he believes in the spiritually cleansing effect of cutting wood in a Siberian labour camp — where he has already mentally reserved places for some opponents.
At the last election his party, Working Russia, polled more than 3 million votes and came within one percentage point of official recognition in

That was more votes than the former prime minister and guru of the shock therapists, Yegor Gaidar. A jounalist, Mr Anpilov,

aged 50, specialises in lancing his pompous opponents with humour, and addressing railies with political wit.

While Gennady Zyuganov, leader of the Communist Party of the Russian Federation and a mathematician, starts each election rally with of Russia's people and its economy, his Stalinist electoral ally raises spirits with

his rhyming slogans. Mr Anpilov describes himself and his party as the single most important influence on Mr Zyuganov. Four weeks before the presidential election, Mr Anpilov, a copy-book Marxist Leninist, is his support for Mr Zyuganov.

At an open campaign meeting, he urged Mr Zyuganov to be bolder and to promise to nationalise Russia's banks. We're not about to shoot anybody. Let the current bankers work for the Central Bank. But whoever doesn't like it — there's enough room at the lathe for everyone," he

In response, Mr Zyuganov called on his supporters to be "more precise in their statements and not let slip any frightening words". He reminded them that his platform safeguards private prop-



Political satire . . . The witty Viktor Anpilov, left, makes his point

Should Mr Zyuganov be higher form of democracy, as elected president, Mr Anpilov a triumph of the absolute masays he would campaign to destroy the office.

"The institution of the pres idency inevitably brings Russia back to a monarchy, to its jority over the interests of the minority.

"Comrade Zyuganov has been drawn to less concrete notions like 'people's power'. But we know what the point want to live in medieval of departure of a dictatorship times, therefore we are going of the proletariat is. It's a

'We will struggle openly to liquidate the presidency. We have told Zvuganov'

uidation of the presidency. We have told this directly to

He describes his main dif-

ference with Mr Zyuganov thus: "It is mainly about the problem of power. We have come to understand the dictaproblem of power. We have for its first occupants: "I become to understand the dictalieve the first trial must be the first trial must be dictalieve the fir

to struggle openly for the liq- j state where even the smallest collective, of workers or sci-entists, elects its own soviet, capable of controlling the expenses and income of the col-

> How will he achieve his reopen the labour camps. As ganov's professed support for for its first occupants: "I believe the first trial must be Mr Anpilov replies: "Zyu-

even in favour of the state paying the best lawyers, but the proceedings must be I say let him play, because the reality is quite different. Zyuganov has to take this into acshown live on television. If the court proves Gorbachev is count, but our aims are much guilty, and you know I am against the death penalty, I believe he would cleanse himmore profound. It is to establish soviet power, to restore people's property, to re-estabself of his shame by honest work, and cutting wood is honest." Mr Angilov has de-'Our influence on him fMr Zyuganov] becomes clear

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scribed the former president as a traitor — to his face. Next-on the list would be the tank commanders who opened fire on the White House, their own parliament, in October 1983, then the people who ordered Mr Anpi-lov's arrest in May 1993. But, returning to Comrade

interested in a ministerial lective and even the wages of damental ideological dispost in a Zyuganov its administrators." men? Such as Mr Anpilov's nds?
Well, he says, he will of the proletariat and Mr Zyuan Traynor in Bonn

night stepped up the pressure to topple Ra-dovan Karadzic, the hardline Bosnian Serb leader and indicted war criminal, in an attempt to keep its Balkan and prevent a potential deba-cle interfering with President Bill Clinton's re-election

John Kornblum, the US er voy to former Yugoslavia, fol-lowed up several days of telephone negotiations by going to Belgrade to seek the help of President Slobodan Milosevic of Serbia in effecting Mr Karadzic's removal.

The US state department

said Mr Kornblum's aim was to make sure that all of them understand, from our point of riew, the importance of civilian implementation of the [US-brokered] Dayton peace

Mr Kornblum's mission followed the failure last week end of Carl Bildt, the Euro-pean official in charge of seeing civilian aspects of the Dayton accords, to secure Mr Karadzic's removal.

Central to the Dayton deal is the provision for free elec-

tions in Bosnia in September, although all the evidence sug-gests that the battered country is far from ready to stage a free and fair ballot.

German sources active in Bosnia said the Clinton administration's paramount aim was to make sure the elections took place on time to prevent any fiasco that could impinge on the US presdential poll in November The Americans want the elections held on September

14, aithough European offi-cials working in Bosnia are less than sanguine at that prospect. The Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe which is respon-sible for organising the poll has still not committed itself

"The last thing Clinton wants is a poll postpone-ment," said a German source. "The US is putting huge pres-sure on the Europeans and they will probably have to say okay or start another row with the Americans. But the problems are immense. There is no funding, the media free-dom is miserable."

The most likely outcome of an autumn poll in Bosnia will three nationalist parties representing the Serbs, Muslims,

and Croats. Mr Karadzic is the biggest - but not the only obstacle -to a fair election as the Dayton deal bars him from holding elected office. He is fiercely resisting the international pressure to go and hu-miliated Mr Bildt at the weekend who boasted he had won assurances that the hardline nationalist was throwing in

By contrast, Mr Karadzic engineered the sacking of a rival moderate as the prime minister of his Bosnian Serb Republic, replaced him with a hardline crony, and had an-other nationalist ally named to liaise with the interna-

The US appears to be mov-ing in to flex muscles and bang heads where the Europe ans failed.

Mr Kornblum's ace card in attempting to get Mr Milose-vic to help is diplomatic rec-ognition. Unlike the European Union countries which have afforded Mr Milosevic's rump Yugoslavia recognition be to replicate the result of in the past couple of months, the first post-communist elections held in 1990 which back.

## Foul play suspected in French reporter's death

Alex Duval Smith in Paris

the death of one of France's leading investigative journalists, who day home in Menorca. Spanish police said they beleved Xavier Gautier, aged 35, whose body was discovered on Sunday, had killed

But other police sources in Spain indicated that the journalist, who had investigated the arms trade in former Yu-goslavia for the French daily newspaper Le Figaro, may

have been murdered.

The police chief for Cludadela, Menorca, said the words traditore and diavolo (Italian for "traitor" and "devil") had been scrawled on the outside said: "We are inclined to be-lieve it was suicide. The house was in order and there were no signs of a struggle." No suicide note was found. Gautier's family yesterday

Charles Lambroschini, the foreign editor of Le Figaro, where Gautier had worked for nearly six years, said: "The family refuses to believe it was suicide. I have trouble believing he killed himself. At the same time it seems surprising that a Yugoslav faction might go to so much trou-ble as to kill him in Spain."

called for a murder inquiry.

Mr Lambroschini said Gautier, who had begun a year's sabbatical in March, had previously investigated the work of arms traders who had breached the United Nations embargo on arming Croat and

said Gautier's reporting was exemplary in its bravery and Western journalists had done similar work in the Balkans. Refusing to comment on Gautier's state of mind, he

set at the death of his brother six months ago. A Paris-based "fireman" reporter who travels to trouble spots across the world — Gautier had covered Kurdish in 1991 before specialising in

said the reporter, who was unmarried, had been very up-

the Balkans Mr Lambroschini said the reporter was rumoured to be writing a book about the arms trade. In fact, having failed to secure a publishing contract, he was researching a biography of the rock star Bruce

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## Millions cross ex-Soviet borders

Owen Bennett Jones in Geneva

ORE than nine milizens, one in 30 of the population, have been on the move since the collapse of the communist system, according to a United Nations study.

Many of them have fled fighting. Ethnic disputes in Georgia, Armenia and Azer-baijan have led to 1.5 million

fighting in Moldova, Tajikistan and Chechenia. The Russian Federation has absorbed the biggest inflow of people as ethnic Russians seek the safety of their motherland.

People have also been

forced to move for fear of na-tionalist discrimination and because of environmental Humanitarian agencies be-

new countries, especially could contribute to a reducthose in Central Asia, are suf-fering from a "brain drain" others, like the Russian Federation, are having to cope with millions of new arrivals.

Sergio Vieira de Mello, the UN's assistant high commissioner for refugees, says: "With so many on he move there is a risk of economic de-Russian was the accepted language of the Soviet Union and few ethnic Russians velopment being undermined and regional security being

tion in population flows. In the Soviet era, Russian moved to other republics where they were put in positions of authority. Many are now back home, and those who have chosen to stay put

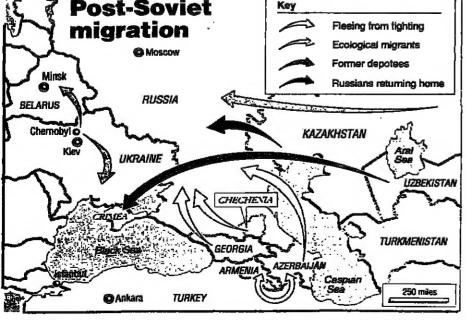
bothered to learn the local anguage. But the new governments have all declared official their own languages Some are demanding knowledge of that language as a job Some migrants are escap-ing from the Soviet Union's

nuclear programmes. Nuclear contamination in Chernobyl and the Kazakh test site of Semipalatinsk has produced at last 700,000 ecological migrants. The former Soviet states

are also trying to unravel Sta-lin's policy of shifting popula-tions. His regime moved 3 million people from their homes to other Soviet regions.
Entire national groups such as the Volga Germans, the Chechens and the Crimea

been trying to get back home. When the Soviet system collapsed, politicians feared a wave of immigration from East to West. In fact most of the population movements have been contained within the borders of the former

The UNHCR believes an imlieve such movements will be people leaving their homes. destabilising. While some provement in human rights **Post-Soviet** migration Fleeing from tighting Ecological migrants Former depotees Russians returning home RUSSIA BELARUS UKRAINE UZBEKISTAN Tatars were moved in cattle trucks to Siberia or Central CHECHENIA TURKMENISTAN



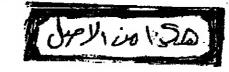
If there is a problem with cultural theory it is not so much moronism as over-zealousness. In arguing that everything - from Vera Duckworth's wallpaper to Cantona's smile means something, they have overburdened culture with significances it cannot support. Charlotte Raven

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Soldiers are using threats to stop a boycott of today's poll, writes Suzanne Goldenberg in Sopore

## Kashmiris coerced to vote

NDIAN soldiers have been summoning local leaders to demand that they turn out for parlia-mentary elections today or face the army's wrath

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"They told us: If you don't have the blue mark on your finger that you have voted, then the next day we will cut it off." the leader of a resi-dents association in the apple market town of Sopore said.
Other town leaders, hud-

Other town leaders, huddled in woollen cloaks against the biting spring cold, say they have had similar threats. Today's elections, for the parliamentary seats of Baramullah and Anantnag, will be the first polls in the valley since the covariatist uprising the first poils in the valley since the separatist uprising against Indian rule began in 1989. A second round in the capital Srinagar and another seat will follow on May 30.

For New Delhi, the elections are a matter of enor-mous prestige: evidence of its success in containing the gunmen and in persuading Kashmiris to return to the Indian fold. Today's vote is seen as a prelude to state assembly elections later this summer, and the Indian authorities want to make sure it takes place with a minimum of

New Delhi has intensified its operations against separatist guerrillas, inflicting heavy casualties. Tens of thousands of paramilitary forces have poured into the valley, along with hundreds of civil servants, press-ganged into duty as presiding officers. An 80-member medical

team from New Delhi has been under heavy guard in a Srinagar hotel. Candidates make their rounds in bulletproof cars, escorted by three armoured vehicles and a truckload of security forces.

But attendance is dismal at rallies. Among Kashmiris, who see the poll as a New Delhi tactic to ignore de-mands for talks on the valley's future, resemment runs

deep.
The traditional Kashmiri party, the National Conference, has boycotted the polls. separatist



Protest vote . . . Kashmiri women shout anti-Indian slogans at a pre-election demonstration in Srinagar yesterday

cannot be held in a region where the government exists in bunkers and the guns roar," said Abdul Ghani, a leader of the pro-Pakistan Muslim Conference.

The separatist boycott publication. leaves the field clear for political unknowns and candidates belonging to govern- Gurkha Rifles have hament backed armed groups. rangued them daily for the "The candidates are not real past week. militants," claimed one So-

murderers and exploiters." Civil servants have been on strike for days, shops have been shuttered since Monday, and newspapers have ceased

In Sopore, local leaders say officers from the local Ninth

"Elections are not held and | pore man, shaking his fist in | sure there was a queue outanger. "They are thieves, side the polling stations. They said: 'It doesn't matter if you vote or not, we will do the rest," one local leader said. But there is also fear of the separatists. Even those few of the chief pro-government Kashmiris who would like to group, denies intimidating

vote will do so at their peril.
"We cannot cross everybody to give our vote. At our his villa in Shivpura. "How front, there are guns; at our can we force people to vote? backs, there are guns," one The people will vote because government employee said. | they love us.

"Nobody will give their vote | • In the second powerful voluntarily, but if they force

us, what can we do?"
But Javaid Shah, the Srinagar candidate for the Awami

blast in India in two days, a bomb on a bus killed at least 14 people and wounded 30 in

the north-west state of Raja-sthan yesterday, the chief minister's office said. Police said no-one had claimed responsibility. On Tuesday, nearly 30

people were killed in a New Delhi shopping district by a bomb variously claimed by Islamists and Sikh militants.

## Junk fiend and deathbed wag has last laugh

HE late playwright and

author William Saroyan had a great deathbed line: "Everybody has got to die," he wrote, "but I always believed an exception would be made in my case. Now what?" What indeed. Fifteen

years after his death, the brarian at Stanford, was Armenian-American eccensympathetic. "Our colstill stirring up the literary and academic world with a dispute about his legacy. Saroyan, who died aged 72, spent his last months rewriting his will and making arrangements for his

An unknown number of them all day, but the mu-unpublished short stories, seum was not sorry to part plays, novels, essays and letters made up a literary treasure trove from the author of The Time of Your Life, an acclaimed play he wrote in six days. He rejected the Pulitzer prize for it, saying the work was "no more great" than any-thing else be had written.

But Saroyan was also a compulsive hoarder. The Saroyan Foundation he created includes 1.200 boxes filled mainly with junk. For years the venerated Bancroft library at the University of California at Berkeley kept the collection on loan, but only the literary works, which could be worth millions of pounds.

The clippings from Saroyan's walrus moustache, old Metro tickets from his years in Paris, and the small rocks he picked up during bicycle rides all remained in the Armenian-American farming town of Fresno, California, where

he was born. There, too, in the attic of the Fresno Metropolitan Museum, were the boxes of pencil drawings Saroyan made of himself, his shoelaces, gardening twine, and his old black Royal typewriter, on which he is estimated to have pounded out 10 to 15 million words.

There were also the labels. Every time Saroyan ate a tin of beans he would steam off the label, and stamp the date on it, sometimes noting what he thought of the beans and

Now, to Berkeley's cha-

grin, their rivals at Stan-ford University have ac-quired the Foundation —

old bottletops and all. Anthony Bliss, manu-script curator at the Ban-croft library, fumed: "No-body at the Foundation consulted us. You read the self-congratulatory announcement from Stanford.

leagues at Bancroft have been doing wonderful things for decades," he sighed. "But ... Saroyan will have a very strong presence here."

Two men with a lorry recently carted off the boxes from Fresno. It took seum was not sorry to part with the effects of Fresno's most famous son. The dominant agribusiness elements of the now-booming city never embraced the eccen-

Saroyan, the author of The Human Comedy, might be sardonically amused by the row. Yet there is sadbuildings be named after bim; that the two houses where he spent his last days in Fresno and his home in Paris, be kept for visiting writers; and that half his ashes be scattered in his ancestral village in Armenia.

The Fresno theatre is now called the Saroyan, the houses have been sold, and his ashes were desposited in a grandiose memorial in l'erevan, Armenia's capi tal. As he said, now what?



#### **Britain urges Burma to stop** crackdown on opposition

BRITAIN yesterday conblurma of 90 supporters of Aung San Suu Kyl, the opposition democracy leader, and urged the ruling State Law and Order Council to release them immediately.

A Foreign Office statement proach the NLD people?

A Foreign Office statement said Britain was "gravely concerned about the deteriorating political situation and rising tensions throughout

the country".

Most of those detained by Burma's military rulers were elected members of the National League for Democ-racy (NLD), which plans to hold its first congress this weekend since a sweeping A source close to Nobel peace prize-winner Ms Suu Kyi said the the number of

those arrested could be higher as news of the detentions across the country were slowly trickling in.

The army has run Burma with an iron grip since the 1960s, crushing an uprising in 1988 and terrorising or jailing democracy activists. But it

to comment. "We're not sup-posed to say anthing on such a story. Why don't you ap-proach the NLD people?" Major Hla Tun, the senior information mininstry official,

Ms Suu Kyi and other NLD members spent yesterday pre-paring for the three-day congress of top party members that starts at her house in the capital Rangoon on Sunday.

An NLD source said the crackdown, the worst since Ms Suu Kyi's release, was expected. At least 44 of those taken were arrested while travelling or preparing to travel to Rangoon for the meeting, the source said.

The rest, including Ms Suu Kyi's secretary, Win Htein, were arrested late on Tuesday and yesterday in Rangoon. Diplomats in Rangoon said the stage was set for a fresh confrontation between Ms Suu Kyi and the govern-

#### News in brief

#### Forty Russian troops killed

Forty Russian soldiers were reported killed in a rebel raid in Chechenia yesterday, al-most twice the number first said to have died in the attack, Interfax news agency

Interfax said earlier that 22 Russian soldiers had been killed and 48 wounded when separatist rebels broke through their lines near the village of Bamut in southwest Chechenia. — Reuter.

Language barrier The Irish are the least linguistically gifted national group in the European Unnion, according to a directory which analysed 1,700 EU officials. Luxembourgers fared best, with 84 per cent able to be understood in two or more languages apart from their own, followed by the Dutch and Belgians.—Reuter.

Court video-linked

from prison yesterday be-cause of security fears. Mar-tin Bryant, aged 29, appeared in Hobart magistrates court charged with the murder of Kate Scott. -- Reuter.

Japan spy agency Japan's parliament yesterday approved the establishment of the country's largest intelligence agency, designed to gather and study military de-velopments in East Asia and elsewhere. — Reuter.

Marshall aid plea

South Africa needs the same sort of Marshall plan assis-tance that helped rebuild western Germany after the second world war, President Nelson Mandela said in Bonn yesterday. - AP.

Defence legend A former soccer star, Gianni

Rivera, aged 52, has found a new job in defence — as a deputy minister in Italy's government. - Reuter.

#### Safety spaces

A Tasmanian man accused of one count of murder in the Port Arthur shooting massacre of 35 people appeared in a courtroom via a video link ernment decided.—AP.

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### When rights collide

Jaymee's to fight, the NHS's to resist

girl refused further NHS treatment for leukaemia, who lived for another year partly because of experimental pallia-tive treatment bought privately thanks to an anonymous donor. She had an indomitable spirit, which all those who watched her on BBC Panorama quickly observed. In her words: "I would rather go through life struggling to live than do nothing and die. I say never give up." She was true to her word. Given only eight weeks to live, she survived for more than a year. But tributes, rather than brickbats, also need to be paid to the Cambridge and Huntingdon Health Commission, the authority which took the decision to stop further treatment

Asked what she thought about the authority, Jaymee said she would like to meet the chief executive, Stephen Thornton, and "whack him one". Perfectly understandable. There should be no criticism of Jaymee, or her father, fighting for every bit of available treatment no matter how remote the chance of success. But health authorities have to be more impartial. The £75,000 which a second bone-marrow operation for Jaymee would have cost would also have been £75,000 less for other patients. The decision which they took was based on medical advice, which found the chances of Jaymee recovering from a second bone-transplant were virtually nil - a clinical decision which was upheld by two of the nation's top hospitals, the Royal Marsden and the Hammersmith, to which her father turned. It was only a private doctor, with no background in children's cancer, who thought it might work and then he changed his mind.

Her extra year needs to be celebrated, but the Cambridge authority needs protecting from castigation too. Yesterday

FULSOME and eloquent tributes were one of its critics, Professor John Gold-rightly paid yesterday to the courage and spirit of Jaymee Bowen, the schoolbeen treated differently because of her lust for life. Implicitly this already happens in the NHS, but to turn it into a concrete principle would be to make the already tough and troublesome task of rationing NHS resources into a night-mare. It is bad enough trying to measure clinical need, likely effectiveness, and cost in the task of Solomon which health authorities are required to undergo, but Prof Goldman would only make the distribution of resources an even more jesuitical operation. Imagine trying to measure people's spirit as well as their physical condition.

Rationing is as old as the NHS. It has been carried out implicitly (queues, waiting lists, waiting times) and explic-itly, though always until recently in a covert manner: elderly people denied access to intensive care, alcoholics de-nied liver transplants. Now, under the restructured NHS, these decisions have become much more overt. This should be welcomed, not least because it could generate more resources for the underfunded service. What is wrong is the lack of a national framework. Ministers have pushed rationing down to local health authorities — so that they take the blame for unpopular decisions but then intervene when local services begin to diverge to insist there must be national minimum standards. There must, but the only people able to set them are the very same ministers who are refusing to do so. It is no use the Health Secretary interfering in an ad hoc manner. Recently, for example, he insisted health authorities should not ban the use of a new controversial drug for multiple sclerosis which costs £10,000 per patient. But one-off interventions don't work. What is needed is a coherent and comprehensive framework. Ministers must come out of their

### Hogg's ham tactics over beef

Britain has been playing politics over BSE more than anyone

vised politicians to speak softly and Britain itself. If anyone has acted and carry a big stick. John Major seems increasingly to have opted for the exact opposite, speaking loudly but carrying a stick so modest that no one is fooled by the threat of it. For if ever a political problem exemplified the need to plan for a conflict it has been the beef crisis. Mr Major wants to solve the problems of Britain's beef producers. But the only solid and secure way of doing that is by taking BSE seriously as a public health problem, working in concert with all those who are likely to have an interest, agreeing a line and then sticking to it. Britain has not done that - or rather it has done a limited number of things too grudgingly, too late and too inconsistently. To speak loudly is therefore to show the fundamental weakness of the British position not its strength.

It is always necessary to remember that the BSE outbreak in Britain has been far larger than anywhere else in the world, has gone on much longer and has been tackled with much less ruthlessness than the much smaller outbreaks elsewhere. All this was true before the government itself acknowledged that BSE in cattle could be connected with CJD in humans. That was the immediate reason why the European Union imposed a blanket ban. That decision was not an irrational spasm by crazed and illogical foreigners who are incapable of understanding scientific advice. It was an entirely that the BSE question is a real one, not logical position taken on the basis of treating it as imaginary.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT famously ad- | the scientific evidence as advanced by voted politically in this it has been the British, not those who took the scientific and veterinary advice and wanted

to ensure that the disease was localised. But the other problem with British policy over the past two months is that it has been so inconsistent and illogical. The last two months have been miserable for British beef farmers, especially for those whose attention to proper precautions has meant that they have never had a suggestion of BSE in their herds. Some nations are more hypocondriac than others. But vets and ministers would be acting irresponsibily if they took risks. They have to take BSE ultra-seriously. Britain, by adopting inconsistent approaches to the problem and appearing to conjure solutions out of the air, undermines that inescapable seriousness. Douglas Hogg has done real harm to the cause of beef farmers by this approach to policy-making. To have allowed this technical problem to get caught up in the Conservative Party's dance of death with Europe was to guarantee that a problem-solving approach would be sacrificed for rhetorical posturing. That does no favours to producers or consumers. It is not surprising that the voters blame the government rather than the Europeans or the farmers for the crisis. The beef crisis remains soluble, but only by longterm measures and a recognition

#### Pineapples and banana skins

But turnstile prices give football fans the right to laugh

undying loyalty to their teams. But fans often also feel that the clubs take that loyalty for granted. One of the unpleasant ways that fans get their own back on football has been violence. But there has always been a more acceptable tactic - terrace humour. The success of Nick Hornby's Fever Pitch and of BBC TV's Fantasy Football programme is partly due to their skill in tapping into this mordant side of fan and fanzine culture. By making fun of players, the fans are also making fun of themselves and their own obsessions.

Few clubs are without a player —

normally either a hopeless striker or a clumsy defender — at whom the fans love to laugh. In extreme cases, some clubs can even field eleven such players. Jason Lee's tragedy is that because of television he has become the first player that everybody laughs at, irre-spective of club loyalty. David Baddiel now pay, they are entitled to a laugh.

FOOTBALL fans are renowned for their | and Frank Skinner have transformed an obscure Notts Forest striker into a figure of national ridicule on account of his pineapple shaped hair-cut and a succession of spectacularly missed chances. Yesterday Lee buckled. He was put on the transfer list, allegedly because his confidence has been wrecked by TV's laddish duo.

It is hard not to feel sympathy for Lee. It is not nice to see anyone mocked because of their appearance, least of all if there is a racial dimension to the mockery. There is no joy either in witnessing the besieging media claim yet another celeb victim. But at the end of the day football is about putting the ball in the back of the net, Brian. Or in Lee's case, about not doing so. As a fan, you sometimes don't know whether to laugh or cry when your overpaid striker shoots wide yet again from two



#### Letters to the Editor

## Europe's meaty debate Our readers put road rage in the psychiatrist's driving seat

Europe hysteria being whipped up by the Govern-ment BSE has not been eradi-cated from the British beef herd, and government con-trols have thus far not pre-vented some infected material from entering the food chain. Therefore how can the Government contine to assert the

safety of British beef?
The limited cull that Douglas Hogg bas offered Europe has nothing to do with eradi-cating BSE from the herds, and our European partners are quite right to be sceptical. The Government has taken

an unacceptable gamble with our lives. . Until BSE has been completely removed from the food chain, or until it is proved that BSE does not cause spongiform encephalopathy in humans, it is reasonable to expect foreign govern-ments to protect their people. (Dr) D K Hardman.

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BEING Polish-born soon rar. I can hardly be accused of pro-German sympathies, but having spent a few years | West Oakhill Park. in Germany I realised the Liverpool L13 4BW.

Grown-up stuff

So like, I read the Guard-ian on Thursday and it's

like, the film Kids doesn't

have much of a plot, right (Derek Malcolm's review,

(Derek Malcolm's review, May 16)? It's a dweeb fantasy, about skinny naked guys and girls in tiny T-shirts, kinda paedophile chic, and like, yeah man, "Where are the adults?"?

It's something Derek Mal-

colm gets close to asking. Well, they're in the audience,

reassuring each other. Mal-colm asks if Kids is "the

truth", and should know bet-

ter. I spent a year in America

and frequently saw clubs frequented by people who were 14-ish off their face — and this was the middle of the week.

They did know the bouncers

and at 4 o'clock, when we left,

they would carry their skate-boards off down Broadway.

THE Victoria and Albert Museum is a boring and inconvenient building con-taining great treasure badly

displayed (Letters, May 21, 22). If the interior spaces of Daniel Libeskind's new building can alleviate this, then this will be a great improve-

God forbid any repetition of the grey wasteland of the National Gallery extension.

The exterior is exciting in a way that modern English

buildings seldom are, al-though I do wonder whether this is just my reaction

against the general debased neo-classicism or ill-judged eclecticism of recent new buildings in London. Peter Shield.

URTHER to your recent

correspondence in search of the world's most famous

newspaper headline (May 7, 9), I have found, and enclose a

opy of, this supposedly myth-cal headline in Le Monde for

December 30, 1966: "Peu de victimes au Chili à la suite du

séisme". It can, of course, be loosely translated as "Small

earthquake in Chile, not

David Kemp.

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OUR leader on the beef crisis (By Jingo for July?, May 22) came as a selection antidote in the anti-their refusal to lift the ban on British beef. It embarrasses me to see John Major giving up to the pressures of conspiracy theories.

Marek Pieczynski. 26 Silverdale Road, Eastbourne BN30 7AZ.

HE litany of despair recited by Sir Teddy Taylor over Europe (Roller coaster out of Euro-nightmare, May 22) is hardly sur-prising in view of the anti-European stance adopted by our jingoistic press over all things European. One would imagine that BSE was the result of some interference from the EU instead of the direct result of "unfettering" British agro-business by this hands-off government. The mad cow crisis in Britain is a self-inflicted wound. It is up to

us to put things right.
John Major's petulant ges-ture over the failure to lift the ban on derivatives proves how completely he is at the mercy of his Euro-sceptics. When the US, Canada and Australia banned our beef, we did not make threats of non-cooperation in Nato or anywhere else. Harvey Quilliam. 6 Poulevara House,

One of my over-riding impressions of New York was that

America had left these kids to

it - New York was their city,

This film should be sub-

titled Adults, as the fantasies, blindness and lack of moral

ity in reactions to it are the (predictable) shocking thing bere. This film is not the

dweeb fantasy of a dirty old man. It is about Alds, and an environment where Alds can

Small shake-up | **A loan is not a future** 

taxation system.

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more than anyone else's.

AFTER the latest failed at-tempt to get the EU ban on beef lifted, Malcolm Rifkind said that the decision was purely political, in spite of all scientific evidence that British beef is safe to eat.

After 10 years of research knowledge on BSE must have made gigantic advances in two months, because Stephen Dorrell's announcement to the Commons about the possible link with CJD had to be based on the best scientific evidence available. Otherwise, he made a colossal mistake.

John Turner. 38 Canonbury Road, London N1 2HG.

AJOR'S posturing is as morally justified as Britain's position in the opium wars. It is typical of our gov-ernment's understanding of industry and commerce that it is content to encourage the supply of cheap and defective products, then wants to force the world to buy them. Brian Hall.

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IRST France has a strike wave, now Germany. Clearly there is a lot to be said for not eating British b Joseph Lane 355 Kennington Lane, London SE11.

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metaphor

mistake, it is virtually impossible to say "sorry". If, for example, I accidentally bump into someone in a pub and spoil their drink I can, through verbalisation and body language, satisfy them that it was my mistake and show I am suitably repentant. The result, in most cases would be acceptance of the apology with perhaps repara-tion in the form of a replace-

ment drink. The design of the modern car means that good eye con-tact is difficult and the only way in which drivers can communicate is through flashing lights or honking horns, both of which are liable to exacerbate the situation. In the 1970s, I heard of a con-

tinental hand-signal of three fingers outstretched horizontally to indicate excusez-moi. Perhaps some agreed sign for "sorry, my fault" could be adopted nationally. Colin Burke. 39 Heaton Road

fanchester M20 4PU.

SO-CALLED road rage does indeed need to be put into about 10 people die on our roads every day. Unlike the killer of Mr Cameron, these motorists can expect trivial pseudo-penalties and very little attention by the media.

ONE of the major reasons for road rage (How to curb rage, Leader, May 21) is surely that when a driver makes a creased likelihood of losing a driving licence and not, as you suggest, because of advertising campaigns. Increasing the level of law enforcement, with loss of licence for the vast ma-jority of cases of bad driving, is the appropriate deterrent. Tony Roberts. RoadPeace,

PO Box 2579 London NW10 3PW.

SEE that last year 1.8 million drivers were forced to swerve or pull off the road, and 500,000 had their cars deliberately driven into (Animal aggression drives motorists to violence, May 21). How can anyone possibly know this? No one has ever asked me if I've been a victim of such behaviour — did I miss the cen-sus? Or is this another example of guesswork being adduced as fact to flesh out a thin story? Philip Kelman.

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ROAD rage is not confined to those driving a car. Pedestrians can experience the same unbridled anger. It is perspective, but not quite as linked to our perception of ve-your editorial suggests. The hicles as monsters. The reacvast majority of those who are killed or injured on the roads are killed or injured by the tablished in pre-history, to normal, criminal negligence of motorists. On average, ilies from wild beasts. But now the beast of our collective unconscious is the motor Alistair C Blunt.

71 Medfield Street, Roehampton, The experience of drink- London SW15 4JY.

#### Hurd but not seen in Bosnia

D VULLIAMY makes a tence on maintaining the uniica's part in ducking the issue of military intervention in the early days of the Bosnian conflict (America's big strategic lie, May 20). But it was, in fact, the Brit-

ish ex-Foreign Secretary Douglas Hurd who "led the consensus" at a meeting of the Council of Foreign Minis-ters in September 1991, in opposing the introduction of an international force into Yugo-slavia to establish the condifined to Croatia, would have prevented it from escalating tions for peace. Had this proposal been

unanimously backed by the EC, America would have been unlikely to oppose it, espe-cially as the US Secretary of State James Baker had, by that time, a number of mis-that time, a number of misgivings over his earlier insis- Glasgow G12 8RS.

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Moreover, given the opposition to Serbian President Milosevic within Serbia at the time, and the Yugoslav army recruitment problems, due to massive draft-dodging by Serbs reluctant to kill people they perhaps still perceived as their fellow countrymen, it is probable that the serious threat of military action by a united European Community, when the war was still con-

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to Bosnia at all. Carole Hodge. Research Fellow. Institute of Russian and East European Studies.

OHN Gray (Money matters on the campus, May 21) states that "there is no way in which the expansion of higher education can be maintained without transferring some of the cost to its ultimate beneficlaries". Absolutely - now let's ask ourselves who these ultimate beneficiaries are. Who benefits from having nurses, doctors and teachers - mainly the individuals pursuing such careers or society as a whole? I suggest the lat-ter. The community as a whole benefits from education British universities. Tony Sampbier. 9 Doulton Gardens, Poole, Dorset. and the community as a whole should pay for it through the

(frightening!). Darren Baker.

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We regret we cannot

Labour's new policy fails to address the question of pay-ment of unemployment bene-fit to students over the summer vacation. Without a commitment to restoration of this benefit talk of broadening access is just cruel rhetoric. Simou Hewitt.

ATS off to David Blunkett and co for their overdue policy shift in student finance. My concern, however, is that simply "increasing student numbers" in higher education is not the best way to spend the money saved by introducing student loans. Labour House of Commons, must create a revolution of London SWIA OAA.

priorities if it is to succeed as long-term governing project. Compared with primary and secondary education, higher education has done pretty well under the Tories. But working class kids are denied access to higher education long before age 18. Only secondary to the secondary of the secondary serious investment and mean-ingful reform of schools and colleges will smash the elitism which continues to throttle

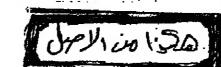
ESPITE what you say, we welcomed the new technology colleges and believe their specialism can be developed in partnership with other local schools (Labour backs activate tests for treb. backs aptitude tests for tech-nology college pupils, May 21). On the tests, we pointed out that the research would not be published until after the next election. A new government might consider using them to assist with value-added perfor assist with value added performance research. The Technology College Trust, which currently encourages banding as a way of achieving a fully comprehensive intake, might use the tests to assist them in developing the performance. developing their policy. David Blunkett (MP).

Shadow Secretary for Education and Employment.

one headless corpse in the garden and taking the other away. The blame was laid squarely at the door of a pine marten although the animal was not seen. At the house in question other birds have question other birds have been taken in the past and, on at least one occasion, the animal — a pine marten — was caught in a hutch for cocker-

HIGHLANDS: Not a week goes by now without me hearing of predators attacking pouitry and the latest incident happened to my nearest neighbour half a mile away. Sometime between 5.30 and seven in the evening, a predator killed two small hens, leaving one headless corpse in the strats Departs are along with strats. outer isles, they are a serious problem — not only to poultry but also to wild birds, such as ground nesting waders and terms. Polecat ferrets seem to he on the increase along with be on the increase along with stoats. Despite persecution for numbers seem to be thriving and they will sometimes seek prey during the daytime although, again, they are mostly about at night. My advice is to make sure all poultry are locked away each night, but there is a fine line between getting them away and when getting them away and when the predators are about. Later caught in a hutch for cockerels, most of which were dead or dying. In the Highlands such a situation is normal these days and many people—now including my neighbour—have stopped keeping any poultry because of such predation. So the pine marten is getting a bad press. But, in some cases, it may not be a nine marten as there are

pine marten as there are plenty of other predators, although most of them will operate under the cover of dark-RAY COLLIER



#### Diary

Matthew Norman

PTH presidential elections looming. Bill Clinton continues to dodge danger with immense grace. His latest escape concerns the civil law suit of Paula Jones, who seeks compensation for what the law calls "imwhat the law calls "improper behaviour to a subordinate" — or "flashing
his willy in an Arkansas
hotel room and angling for
a blowjob", as Mary Whitehouse insists on calling it.
Desperate to stop the case
being heard before the election, Clinton argued that no
acting president can be
sued — but with that claim
en route to a Supreme Court en route to a Supreme Court packed with Republicans, fears were growing. However, with sublime chutz-pah, the brilliant Irish lawyer and White House Council member Jack Quinn has come up with an-other idea: since the US President is US Command-er-in-Chief, he posits, Mr Clinton is on active military duty — and under the Sol-diers and Sailors Act of 1940, actions against mili-tary personnel are automatically stayed until their active duty is over. The point looks absolutely watertight; the irony — Mr Clinton has always been so keen to join the army - is simply gorgeous.

EWS that my friend Mandy Mandelson (we had a little spat, you will recall, but we've made up now) was the only New Labour character at last week's dinner for Jacques Chirac has failed to delight his colleagues. "He only went because no one else wanted to," sniffs someone in Gordon Brown' office. How convincing. Dinner with the President of France, or a quiet night in with the telly? You can see why poor old Mandy got lumbered, can't you?

HEAR suggestions that my old friend Douglas Hogg, the agriculture minister, may have fallen short of perfection in his handling of the BSE crisis, and is likely to be sacked in the next reshuffle. People say he is not only useless but horrendously arrogant too. I find this very hard to believe. Why, only a few weeks ago, when the crisis was at its most intense, his European counterparts wanted to arrange an emergency meeting on a Satur-day. Douglas wasn't having it. "I don't work Saturdays," he intoned. "I go home to Sarab on Saturdays." Bless his beart, he's doing the best he can.

F Douglas does stay in the Cabinet, this may be connected with a sense of loyalty Mr Major feels towards Sarah. While he was Chancellor, the now Lady Hogg was not only a key adviser (she persuaded him that the ERM was a splendid idea), but also Economics Editor of the Daily Telegraph. During the Tory the then Mrs Hogg was asked in the editorial conference if she thought the paper ought to support Mr Major. Certainly not, she said. Major was too fragile, too inexperienced and too immature, and he simply wasn't ready for the Job. The Telegraph went for Douglas Hurd and, shortly after Mr Major's victory, Mrs Hogg left the Telegraph to take up another posi-tion . . . as head of the Prime Minister's policy unit in Number 10.

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HE Police Bravery Awards ceremony is today at the Savoy. Neither the Police Federation nor the Sun, the event's sponsor, will discuss the guest of honour's identity, on grounds of strict security. I wouldn't mention that it is, in fact, John Major, had Michael Howard not blurted it out to last week's Police Federation conference in Scarborough. Must be one of those colds of

N today's look at Brandreth's Brainstorm, the Chester MP's diverting puzzle page in OK! maga-zine, we come to "Celebrity Square". Three celebrities

Zoe Bail, Peter Bowles and Norman Bowler—are pictured, and your task is two-fold: first, work out what they have in common (that's Ball, Bowles and Bowler: concentrate); and then decide in which order they should appear. It's just so devilishly clever, isn't it? The electors of Chester should be very proud.



## Frogs and krauts fill heads with hate

#### Commentary

#### Martin Kettle

T comes as a shock to be reminded just how easily the British can don the mantle of a nation at war. You spoke for Britain, Nicho-las Winterton told John Major in the Commons on Tuesday, consciously repeat ing the resonant words which Leo Amery uttered during the real crisis of 1940. Many who listened to Major's statement also caught echoes of Neville Chamberlain's broadcast of September 1939. Major Goes To War At Last said the frontpage headline in the Daily Mail. The Sun adorned its beef coverage with a picture of Churchill. And yesterday morning the Press Association was even reporting the formation of a War Cabinet. Of course it is not war really. No one is actually going to get killed in this battle with our foes across the main — unless you count several thousand dumb and perhaps infected cattle who will be clubbed senseless and incin- the second world war still holds large and influential

war is on the march and we must all decide whether we will join its ranks or not. Among the European nations this could probably only happen in Britain and Greece, though conceivably also in Russia. For among the EU nations it is only in Britain that there is this genuine and deep cultural yearning to relive the last war, and for the nation to stand historically apart from its neighbours. Anyone who thought that this instinct was deed but another

instinct was dead, laid gently

European reconciliations of the second half of the 20th

century, must think again.
The pent-up resentments of The pent-up resentments of haps terminal war against a British nationalism have ruthless, evil and powerful British nationalism nave found another cause to rally for. By threatening non-cooperation with Europe, John Major has not just made the Major has not just made the latest tactical manoeuvre in the peoples of Europe. A much more real parallel is smealy with the glad confident. Major has not just made the latest tactical manoeuvre in the long struggle to control the Conservative Party. He has let a nationalist genie out of the bottle which he will find it hard to put back. Note the Mail's "war at last". These are happy, fulfilled people. This is finally a part of the nation at ease with itself. A nation at war. Or play-

erated in the cause over the sections of the British nation. coming weeks. But the spirit To those who grew up in 1960s

the fleet would almost cer-tainly be steaming for Wil-helmshaven and we would be flooding the Channel Tunnel. The fact that no British lives are likely to be lost in this latest conflict is due to the aniest connect is due to the success, not the failure, of the European Union.

The Europhobes cannot see this. For the more cerebral among them, the argument about beef is simply a surrogate for an almost secret and of something very similar to | and 1960s, the war seemed to be parental business, not ours. Yet we have turned out to be carriers too. Fourteen

years ago, many were sur-prised by the capacity of the Falklands crisis to reawaken a bastard version of the war-

time spirit. Now, fully 51 years after the end of the last

Suropean war, an even more bizarre mutation of the bull-dog spirit is on view in the battle for British beef.

In some ways the true emo tional parallel this week is

not the grim determination of September 1939, when there was an overwhelming sense that the nation was embark-

ing on a hazardous and per

surely with the glad confident morning of August 1914. The truly striking characteristic of the Conservative Party this

week has been its cathartic delight. One recognises in the Tories a version, albeit a de-generate one, of "Now God be thanked Who has matched us

with His hour/ And caught our youth, and wakened us from sleeping." We are head-ing back into the world of Oh

This is not an entirely fan-ciful parallel, though it actu-ally leads towards a conclu-sion which the Europhobes

What A Lovely War.

gate for an almost sacred and mystical cause, the reawaken-ing of British nationhood. For those with the light of martyrdom in their eyes this promises to be a truly purgative moment, just as 1914 was for Rupert Brooke, in which the folly and the humiliations of the European approximation. the European ensnarement can be expunged in a moment of national purification.

Not everyone who rallies to
the sound of the drum thinks

will not like. In earlier times, the struggle for international markets was a cause of real wars. If this was 1896 not 1996,

If this was 1896 not 1996, the fleet would almost certainly be steaming for Wilhelmshaven

this way, of course. There is none of the high-minded classical Powellism of the Europhobe commentators in the instinctual xenophobia which sustains the foot-soldiers of this army. When John Townend says that Germans only understand the language of force, when Teresa Gorman says she wants to stuff British beef into German sausages, or when the Sun offers you 20

less, with a very real choice. Do we continue to live in the fantasy world of Hun Bashing or do we try, at last, to set ourselves free from these harmful and dead-end delu-sions? Do we, in other words, work with the other Euro-pean nations in the only kind of international alliance which makes sense for a nation in this part of the globe at this time, or do we set

ourselves against it?
The entire logic — if that word can be used in this context — of the Conservative Party's position is that we can never make the European choice. The Conservative Party can go to Europe, but it cannot be European. Instead, as this week's events have proved and others may shortly emphasise, it is rapidly becoming the British, or even the English, nationalist

The choice for the opposi tion parties is whether to be dragged along or whether to stand up. Me Too or Not Us. Whatever the reservations about particular aspects of the European project, such as the single currency, there is now something much more fundamental at stake. A phoney war is almost as destruc-tive of Britain's longterm in-terests as a real war. If the Conservative Party insists ways to be rude to the Germans, then we are witnessing something far nastier, far serious answer.

enough about the gene, about

how to advise women as to their best course of action,

about how to predict the effects of the mutations.

Most scientists working in the field see it as unconscion-able that a test should be offered over the counter at

should be done anonymously at this stage, as we are not in a position to know exactly

worried people will be dis-

a course of action available,

HERE are major im-

cruder and far more dangerous in our politics than anything we have witnessed in our public life for decades.

The surreal qualities of the beef crisis ought not to blind us to its deeply serious consequences. Since we cannot go to real war, we can only go to pretend war. And since we will never win — and indeed have never fought — a real war against the combined forces of Germany and France, there can be no real victory or real defeat.

This presents us, nevertheless, with a very real choice.

Housing to let



Natasha Walter

"Yes, it hurt," as if they could consign their own policies to history. But why the past tense? For some people, the hurt goes on. "The homeless" have some-

times become a metaphor rather than a reality; a metaphor for the cruelty of the free market, or of the fecklessness of young people. But their lives are complicated, ongoing, real. Mr Ali (not his real name), a quiet, dignified chap, lives in west London with his wife and child. We meet in his local centre for the homeless, where he softly recites his story. He has medical problems, and can't work. For a time he rented a one-room flat, but it was squalid and tiny and cost more than his housing benefit. So he be-came homeless, and Westminster Council stepped in.

Now he lives in a hotel. He and his family share a kitchen with 50 other people, and share their one small room with countless cock-roaches. It's not quite the place to start a child's life. And that can hurt. "She is suffering," he says quietly of his wife

Sukti Neogi, who works at the Bayswater Homeless Project, sees dozens of people like Mr Ali. They're not sleeping in the streets, and they're too proud to beg. They go on dealing with desperate situations behind doors all over London. Still if they find a secure this stage; it should instead be offered in a research setting with adequate clinical and counselling back-up. Some even argue that all testing Still, if they find a secure home, she says, those families are transformed. "The family can settle down, the children start school. Their lives change totally. They make friends, they get to know the area, they start their lives up

what the results mean. But even those who occupy the middle ground, and who be-But new legislation will lieve women are entitled to know, argue that high-level counselling is vital. make it even more difficult for families like Mr Ali's to find a secure home. A new Housing Bill is currently passing through the Lords and will become law later this plications for a woman (and her summer. In it, the accepted family) who is told duty of a local authority to that she has an 85 provide permanent housing ment that it's not just for per cent risk of developing for homeless people in prior moral reasons that they cancer. If she already has breast cancer, a positive test

again.'

might suggest that she is at risk of a second cancer, if not, and yet a sister or mother has only have to provide accom-modation for two years. And if there is any suitable accomand yet a sister of momer has had breast cancer, it is not clear whether she should have very careful surveillance or a bilateral mastectomy. We simply do not yet know if either is effective.

There are also implications

tion will be to push more and more families like Mr Ali's the homeless can show us not into a secure home with a housing association or the state isn't really working.

council, but into the private rented sector.

That can certainly sound like a good idea; social housing has been run down, but lats are lying empty and families want them, so let the market do its work. But the tale that Mrs Smith (not her real name) tells me shows up the inherent problems. the inherent problems. Mrs Smith lives in Wandsworth, where the local authority has begun to place homeless fam-

ilies in the private sector. She lives with her husband and four children, one of whom is deaf. Their own house was repossessed in 1990 when they couldn't keep up the mortgage repayments Since becoming homeless they have lived at four addresses, moving the chil-dren from school to school. At one time, the six of them spent eight months in one room in a hotel. Eventually, the council found them their present home, a grotty pri-vate rented flat.

"The council says they

can't do anything more for us. but this flat needs so much work, it's horrible. The land-lord won't do the work, but we can't because we don't know how long we'll be here. You can't live like this, It's not home," she says hope-

Research published this week by the London Research Centre shows that Mrs Smith is frighteningly typical. Most of the homeless households placed in the private sector by local authorities had little se curity, relying on shorthold tenancies of six months or a year. The continual question — what next? — haunts them, and that insecurity tells. Ms X found that her fear about what might happen next had rubbed off on her daughter, who was seeing a child psy-chologist, and "thought her mother was about to move house and leave her behind".

ORE, the policy of paying expensive, private-sector rents through housing benefit can grip unemployed families in a yiclous poverty trap. Low-paid work is no good to them, because it won't cover the loss of their housing benefit, and so they get stuck doing nothing in order to keep a

roof over their heads. Even if it hurts, does this policy work? Chris Holmes. the director of Shelter, has tried to convince the Governbreast cancer, and in some ity need — including families cases of developing ovarian with young children — is using the private rented sector to cover up gaps in social to to cover up gaps in social housing. "It's misguided and muffed out.

Now, local authorities will housing. "It's misguided and expensive," he says succinctly. A government that chooses to pay landlords modation in the area, says the bill, the local authority can just direct homeless people to housing benefit bill. Up and t. up it goes, now rising over £10.
The thrust of this legislabillion a year.



## Wars of the genes

Eilen Solomon argues that the potential of the 'breast-cancer' gene must not be jeopardised by private profit, while below, David King calls for democratic decision-making

have at an unprecedented rate been isolating genes whose mutations lead to disease. Progress has been so rapid that even those working in the field are finding it difficult to keep up with developments. Until recently, most human geneticists were looking to isolate genes in which mutations lead to rare inherited disorders with clearcult genetic patterns, and which

reaction been isolating genes and computer programs — at a content of the content

dreds of women's and health groups formed to oppose a biotechnology company's attempt to patent a gene linked with breast cancer. Myriad Genetics, a Utah-based company, wants to patent the gene it identified in 1994, known as BRCA1. Women with a mutated version of the gene have an 85 per cent chance of developing breast cancers; Myriad plans to charge them £600 for testing hits to screen for it.

Myriad isolated BRCA1 after a highly publicised, high profile recessions many

debate in the United States. its investment. A patent gives This week a coalition of hun- a company the power to make

huge financial gains on any diagnostic or therapeutic developments connected with a gene. It is one thing for patents to be granted for novel and innovative developments (such as testing kits); but it is another for them to be granted for the gene itself. The law is still unclear on the issue, but I am afraid that with the speed of developments we are on a slippery slope, with the risk that prac-

such as changes in diet and lifestyle? If tests are made available in an ad-hoc way, it research to be done in a controlled way. And women who take the test out of research may be doing themselves a great disservice. Such things are only studied within academic research settings; commercial companies do not generally conduct clinical research of

this type. For the long-term benefits to accrue from gen-etic testing, such questions must be studied within clini-cal academic settings. Ellen Solomon is Prince Philip Professor of Human Genetics at Guy's Hospital and head of a cancer genetics laboratory at the

Imperial Cancer Research Fund

### Business gets the upper hand

the patenting of the

is supporting the US cam-paign, as is the Genetics Forum, a specialist group Forum, a specialist group which campaigns on genetic-engineering issues. In fact, campaigns against patents on life (including patents on plants and even animals) have been running for years. They have had

HE new American co-alition set up to oppose the rejection by the Euro-the patenting of the pean Parliament last year BRCA1 gene argues, in my view correctly, that human such patents. But even view correctly, that human genes are the property of society at large.

In Britain the response to the issue has been much slower. Breast Cancer Care

ses, such as debates over patenting, in-by the Euro-surance discrimination and nt last year premature marketing of genetic tests directly to the public is whether genetics is being driven by the pub-lic interest or by com-merce. In the US it is very clear that commerce has the upper hand. The busiculty getting most people to
see the issues' relevance.
Yet, as the US activists
have noted, there is a link
ical and social problems

ing, for example, whether we spend £2 billion of tax-Human Genome Project.
The UK Medical Research
Council is currently decidthere is a democratic defiing whether it will fund a cit. Now is the time, before

mittees composed entirely public interest to find a of scientists. But the public way to prevent parents' prihas a vital interest in decid-vate decisions in the clinic from creating a consensus that increasingly minor

ing whether it will fund a search for genes which influence IQ, with all the massive social implications; yet the public is frozen out of such decisions.

The Genetics Forum says it plans to campaign for a genetic privacy law, but the problems rejeated by genetic strongly and problems rejeated by genetics. The alternative, the current combination of scientific carpeties, and paked tific careerism and naked commercialism, is a sure



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## Beaverbrook's sharpest pen

EORGE Malcolm and speeches. Early in the wanted to put it another way, the would not quarrel if his relationship with Lord Beaverbrook Production and Thomson prostitute. complex. There were occasions on which Beaverbrook would Thomson following on horseback taking notes. Thomson said it made him feel like Marshal Ney to Beaver-brook's Napoleon. Percy Cud-lipp retorted, "You mean

This was an excellent quip but not the whole story. The other side of the coin would show Thomson as more like an *éminence grise* who knew what Beaverbrook was thinking five minutes before Beaverbrook did — and if he didn't like that thought he would head it off at the pass.

Unlike other Beaverbrook courtiers he was allowed the licence of a jester or a Shakespearean Fool to point out the Old Man's lapses from wis-dom. One example was when Beaverbrook as a government minister during the war for some reason had the idea of hiding aircraft in Winchester Cathedral. Thomson is credthis bizarre enterprise.

He was born in the 19th century in Leith, and he fought in the first world war. After Edinburgh University he went into journalism and wrote two books about the history of Scotland. These impressed Beaverbrook, who installed him at the London books and writing paragraphs for the Londoner's Diary and the Sunday Express's Cross-

Thomson, who was quick-

Willis Conover

went with him as his principal private secretary. This made him a prototype Sir Humphrey of Yes, Minister. Throughout the war he stayed with Beaverbrook in various ministries and in the war cab on three trips to Washington and on his mission to Stalin in Moscow. Having worked 12 hours a day for three months, he was rebuked by the Beaver for taking a day off. For all

Thomson would write a leader which was in effect an interview with the proprietor. Sometimes it

verged on parody

to Fleet Street as chief leader writer of the Daily Express under the editorship of Arthur Christiansen, Edward Pickering and Bob Edwards, reviewer for the Evening

As chief leader writer he was always his master's voice, and with cynical indifference cheerfully admitted that he often wrote things he didn't agree with. He saw his witted in every sense, soon role as that of an advocate who is employed to present brook staccato style and was ghosting the Beaver's articles sively as possible. If you

Thomson was in constant contact with the Old Man. He would for example, phone with the details of the Chancellor's Budget speech. Beaverbrook would say "Yarss". or bark a curt phrase. Then Thomson would write a leader which was in effect an interview with the proprietor. Sometimes the result verged on parody, a notion which the twinkle in Thomson's eye and his mischievous expression

did nothing to dispel.

His colleagues were in awe of his ability as a leaderwriter, but never more so than when he wrote from the heart. His leaders on the death of Churchill, and of Beaverbrook, are especially remembered.
From time to time the Old

Man would go over the pages of his various newspapers, examining every item in detail. When he came to Osbert Lan-caster's Pocket Cartoon he would ask, "What's the point of Osbert Lancaster?" This was difficult to explain to someone without a sense of humour. Thomson would reply that even if Lancaster appealed to only a few hun-dred thousand readers and was meaningless to the rest, he was (like Beachcomber) one of the things that made ferent from its rival, the Daily

George, with much love, ad-miration and deep gratitude

for his friendship and bracing

company for many exhaust-

ing and apprehensive years!

Love, Osbert."
When he was awarded the

OBE at the age of 90 he com-

mented, "I thought they had forgotten about me", but was

proud to have been awarded

it not for his journalism or his political work with Bea-

American music was not just a minority interest but practically a samizdat

operation, conducted even in Britain via unreliable home-made crystal sets and the

ody Maker's US News

column, one of its beacons

was Willis Conover, presenter

of the nightly Voice of Amer-

ica jazz programme, who has

"Time ... for ... jazz," Con-over's measured baritone

would announce in a sort of

American version of received

pronunciation, before a tren-

chantly syncopated piano fig-ure introduced the full Duke

Ellington Orchestra and the

programme's signature tune,

Take the A Train. After a few

bars the voice would return,

keeping its stately cadence as

Anglophone countries: "This

is Willis Conover in Washing-

ton DC, with the Voice of

America Jazz Hour." And

from Nottingham to Novosi-

birsk, hearts would beat a lit-

A State Department-spon-

sored station, VOA was beamed principally at the people's republics of eastern

Europe, where a fondness for hot rhythms and blues tonal-

ity constituted prima facie

evidence of deviancy. The communist regimes hated

jazz, recognising a symbol of spontaneity and self-expres-sion. This made Conover a

front-line cold warrior (more effective than a squadron of B29s, they used to say) and

his programmes a target for

Those of us who spent our

teenage years switching from Frank Tenot and Daniel Fili-

defensive reaction.

died of lung cancer aged 75.

Evidently Thomson swung the Old Man round to his point of view because in 1948 message congratulating him on a cartoon which was "as brilliant a piece of work as anything I have seen in the Daily Express."

Osbert Lancaster invented his initials but also for the

The voice of jazz for 100 million listeners

the Pocket Cartoon. There are The two of them often met at lunchtime at the Garrick, where an idea might emerge. Then there were occasions when Osbert would settle down in the office and be heard to groan. "Oh God, give potter down to Thomson's room and chat about the day's news. After a while Osbert would say, "You've been no Thomson told me he could remember only once provid-ing an idea that was actually used in a Pocket Cartoon, but even one is an overestimate if we are to believe the introduction to Signs of the Times, in which Osbert expresses thanks to George Malcolm Thomson "for never failing to arouse the hope that he would one day prove a source of inspiration."
This badinage in no way concealed a strong mutual ad-miration and friendship. Os-bert always referred to Thomson as a saint, and Thomson's copy of Osbert's last book was and ever-constant standby

Courtly wit . . . Thomson played jester to the Beaver

was courteous, polite, unassuming and puckish. He enjoyed life. In a birth-

wrote about a dozen books, mostly historical or day speech some years ago he said he would like to live for As well as HMV he was GMT, so-called not just after ever. It was his one ambition

THE days when Afromerican music was not gramme Pour ce qui aime les it a minority interest part on VOA grew accustomed to ation, conducted even in the con

latter interrupted by the ac-tivities of technicians pre-

very small print of the Mel-| sumably operating from | his taste was admirably non-

secret bases in the Urals. Without warning, the delicate

inventions of Miles Davis's

Flamenco Sketches or the driving hard bop of Horace Silver's Señor Blues would

disappear beneath a hail-

storm of static which might

last five minutes or, if the

spicuously vindictive, the

No doubt these offensives

could have been plotted against the curve of the White

House-Kremlin relationship.

And inevitably they did noth-

ing other than make an al-

more magically appealing to

those listeners — an esti-

mated 100 million worldwide,

30 million of them in commu-

nist Europe — doomed to lan-guish many thousands of

miles away from 52nd Street. Conover was born in New

York State, the son of a serv-

ing soldier. He made his debut as a radio announcer

while at college in Maryland, and won his first professional

job in a talent contest. The

chance hearing of Charlie Barnet's famous version of

Cherokee led to his interest in jazz: a mainstream beginning

which led to an interest in

most styles and eras of a music then going through a period of often disconcert-ingly rapid evolution. He became a jazz disc-

jockey on a radio station in

Washington during the war.

When he began to promote

rest of the week.

watch-setting precision of his | mean that he had lived arrivals and departures to and from the Coach and Horses in Hampstead He inspired universal admiration and affection. In manner he so, he made it to nearly 97, was not to be fulfilled. Even so, he made it to nearly 97, which isn't bad.

nalist, born August 2, 1899; died

Julius Marmur

## **Giant leap** in genetics

ORKING in the 1950s and produce cross-species hy-with Paul M Doty at Harvard University, the biochemist and geneticist — an experimental pathway Julius Marmur, who has died aged 70, made the unexpected discovery that after being pulled apart biochemically, strands of genetic material (DNA) possess the natural ability to recombine into their correct functional form.

The significance of this discovery, on which much of modern genetic engineering and laboratory hybridisation now rests, was not grasped at that time even by the world's leading molecular genetics research groups. James Wat-son, who in 1953 with Francis Crick and Maurice Wilkins published the famous but then still hypothetical double-helix structure of DNA, acknowledges that Marmur's crucial discovery fell on scientifically unrecep-

tive ground.
It would be two decades be fore Paul Berg, working with bacterial genetic material and using bacteriophages (bacterial viruses) as carri-ers of DNA fragments, was able to show that DNA recombination and the snerecombination and the spe-cific deletion and insertion of genetic material into an existing organism's genome is not merely possible but, within limits, a natural process. However, when the huge range of new possibili-ties became clear, including those of the transfer of gen-etic material from widely separated species — a pro-cess that is essentially unnat-ural — Berg rang the scien-tific alarm bells vigorously. In 1978 an emergency confer-ence called for the tight con-

trol of all experimental research involving genetic transfer. Marmur, who by 1970 was role with Berg and others in the subsequent framing of guidelines for the ethical con-trol of all recombinant DNA techniques. The furore sim-ply confirmed that as in

only belatedly understood and exploited opened up a wide and challenging range ists and physiologists of the of new options. Once it became possible to select fragments of DNA and insert them into the genetic material of a new host, then the loudly trumpeted concept and practice of gene therapy

much of science, Marmur's seemingly simple discovery that DNA strands will reas-

semble naturally, although

could become reality. However, it also became possible to breach natural barriers

Birthdays Rubens Barrichello, racing driver, 24; Craig Brown, satirist, 39: Juliet Campbell, diplomat, mistress, Girton Col-lege, Cambridge, 61; Sir Hugh Casson, CH, architect, 88; Rosemary Clooney, singer,

Married and divorced five times, on the last occasion to a listener from China, he continued to broadcast while his cancer was being treated. vice, the VOA could not be heard by the people of its own country, which meant that

and surely no president earnt more goodwill and gratitude outside his own shore.

Richard Williams

aligned. He played the sweet swing of Les Brown and Artie Shaw in the big band section of his programme, but was just as likely to feature the challenging music of John Coltrane and Charles Mingus in the pure-jazz segment later in the evening. Wary of the sort of relation ship with a government-run

proved that although he may have sounded like a square,

organisation that would inevitably lead to accusations of being a Central Intelligence Agency stooge, he maintained staff position and operating as a freelance contractor. On the air he avoided any sort of political content, realising that the music spoke for itself, both for and sometime against the system in which it had been created.

Conover was practically un-known in his homeland. But elsewhere his name was as familiar as any president's;

Media Group, 58; Robert Sangster, racehorse owner and breeder, 60; Artie Shaw, Willis Conover, broadcaster born December 18, 1920; died jazz musician, composer, 86.

— an experimental pathway which, according to fellow distasteful and unacceptable. Yet his discovery, and Berg's triumph and warning, were preceded by many experiments attempting the trans-

fer of DNA.

The initial demonstration that DNA is the essential gen-etic material was confirmed by Oswald Avery and Maclyn McCarty in the 1940s who showed that specific strains of bacteria can be trans-formed in culture to another strain through treatment with highly purified DNA from that strain. Subsequently, many others at-tempted to modify microorganisms by culturing them in conditions rich with DNA and RNA from other species of organisms.

None was successful, primarily because the host organism's genetic material inaccessible. But the identififorming principle resulted in the focus of research on to its structure and, in particular, into the biochemical mechanisms of coding which en-abled it to encrypt huge amounts of structural

information.
In retrospect it can be seen that in the 1950s the emerging infant science of molecular genetics was so obsessed with the questions of coding and structure that Marmur's crucial discovery went unreany major way. As a successful academic who remained in research and in advisory bodies throughout his life, there is nothing to suggest bitterness.

marmur, who by 1970 was professor of biochemistry and molecular genetics at the Albert Einstein College in the Bronx and deeply involved in new academic experimental criteria, played a from McGill University. ter's degree, travelling to Iowa State University to gain his doctorate in bacterial physiology in the early 1950s. Already involved in the isolation and purification of DNA and revealing unusual gifts as an experimental scientist he was invited to work at Harvard with Paul Doty, one era. The result was a triumph, long unsung. He leaves a wife, Mildred, and

Anthony Tucker

two sons.

geneticist, born March 22, 1926; died May 20, 1996

Death Notices COSHTON. The Reverend Frank Edward Compton at home peacefully aged 83 on 19th May 1986. Prayers, music and tributes on Thursday 6th June at 12 noon at Bishops Mascall Centre, Ludow.

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loved ones in our hearts," say

the doctors at Alcor. In other words, the doctors touch pre-fer living with their dead loved ones in their

Time for jazz . . . Conover at work on Voice Of America's Music USA programme

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So, if the idea of waiting for medical science to figure out how to reconnect your old dead head with a new live body sounds like your bag, here's what you need to do: First, get a good life insurance plan and sign up Alcor as the sole

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"antifreeze".

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While the cost — \$50,000 to \$120,000 — for a full freeze may sound prohibitive, 377 deathdefiers have signed up for the ultimate commitment. This includes a slew of twenty somethings who have taken advantage of Alcor's "reduced rates for students"? Swing magazine reviews a rev

#### Please stop

PETER Luff "I'm something of a depository now for people's concerns about influences in the media, and I've had some of the most extraordinary pop music lyrics. I tell you, they are pretty shocking, some of those lvrics."

2nd panel member: "Show us to it, Daddyola." Peter Luff: "It's a bit worse than that. I offer you the European disco version of 'Don't stop, Wiggle, Wiggle'.

Extract from a Radio 4 programme, Young At Heart, which reported on a panel dicussion on Youth and the Media. Peter Luff, the antiporn MP, was on the panel.

#### Holy cow

number over 30.

IT HAS been reported recently in the Huntsville Times, USA, that a 10-year-old, 1,100lb Holstein cow has been found under extremely "weird" circumstances. Sue Pitts, the assistant State Di-rector for MUFON, from Huntsville, investigated the scene. She found an eight inch deep, six inch wide, eight and a half inch long incision at the base of the cow's neck. This is just the latest in an epidemic of cattle mutilations whose victims now

However, James Pittman

doesn't think that aliens killed his cow. He thinks that someone passed over his pasture, snuck through the night in a helicopter equipped with a silent motor, and started another spate of cow mutil-

Since the discovery of this cow's body, another two have been found and even the sher iffs are beginning to believe UFOs may have been in-volved. They claim the incisions are too clean to have been caused by night time predators, and devil worship-pers have also been ruled out

#### Prayer school

FOR the past 21 years St Cassian's, Kintbury, has been the retreat par excellence for youngsters still at school. Fifty years ago, the De La Salle brothers first arrived at the spacious manor house with it's large grounds and used it as a junior novitiate; but in 1975 it was the genius of Damien Lundy, hymn-writer and compiler of the muchused Songs of the Spirit folk

hard nut of how to give retreats to teenagers. Several thousand now come to Kintbury in school parties every year. One pupil went back saying, "Why can't all RE les-sons be like that?

What is the secret? One element is the presence on the team of young people who come for a year straight from school and bridge the gap be-tween generations. Another is the ambience of the prayer



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rooms: in one there are dozens of sagbags for sinking deep into meditaion; in another, for night prayer, candles and rues form a cosy space under the eaves. A big candle is passed from person to person and each prays from the heart about their

The Earl of Mount Charles,

pop concert promoter, 45; John Newcombe, tennis

player, 52; Peter Preston, editorial director, Guardian

Written prayers left behind include: "I don't mean to be selfish but I would like to pray for myself.... I don't know whether I am pregnant or not"; and "Dear Lord, I've just read a letter to you from another girl in Wales. She thinks she's pregnant. Lord, help her, guide her, I really The Tablet on the caring youth generation.

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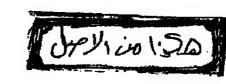
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## Finance Guardian

Consortium withdraws £1bn buy-back plan after Granada decides against selling French chain

# Sir Rocco drops hotels bid Mexican wave for Camdessus

lan King

IR Rocco Forte last night surprised the City by withdraw-ing his 21 billion bid to buy back part of his old hotel empire from Granada, after Granada decided against selling Meri-dien, its French hotel chain. Sir Rocco, who had assem-bled a consortium to bid for Meridien, along with certain luxury hotel assets formerly owned by his Forte group, said he had "no interest" in bidding for the luxury hotels

Last night, a spokesman for Sir Rocco said he was inter-

ested only in buying a "package" of the Meridian and lux-ury hotel assets, and that therefore he would not be tabling any bids to Granada. Earlier, Granada itself sur-prised the City by performing its second U-turn on Meri-dien, announcing that it in-tended to keep the business

"for the immediate future". Granada, which won Meridien as part of its £3.9 billion acquisition of Forte in January, had said during the contest that it would sell the business. Even earlier it had insisted it would keep

News of the volte-face come as Granada began the biggest-ever sale of some of the

world's most glittering hotels, announcing that it had completed its appraisal of Forte's luxury hotel assets, and confirming that most were for sale. Granada shares fell 10p to 814p on the news. The 17 hotels, the sale of

which will be supervised by Granada's financial adviser Lazard Brothers, are expected to fetch at least £900 million. Grosvenor House Hotel thought to be worth at least f450 million; the George V in Paris; the Plaza Athènee in Paris and New York; Lon-don's Hyde Park Hotel; the Ritz in Madrid; the Eden in Rome; and the Sandy Lane in

cluded in the sale is London's | Shape when we acquired it. | Forte when the chain was put | Waldorf Hotel, which has | but we are convinced that | up for sale by its original | been rebranded under the | there's a lot of potential there, | owner, Air France, in 1994. Meridien marque.

Robinson said the company more value for shareholders by keeping Meridien, and "significantly improving their performance" than it would by selling them. But Charles Allen, Gra-

nada's chief executive, denied that the group's decision to keep Meridien was a U-turn. He said: "The decision will disappoint a lot of people, as we have received a lot of en-quiries, but we are coming from a position of strength. Meridlen was in pretty bad

and that we can realise it." Mr Allen said that he expected most of the luxury hotels to be sold on an indi-vidual basis, although he said

there was scope for a few of

them, such as the Westbury in London and New York, to be sold as a "sub-brand". Apart from Sir Rocco, Granada's decision to retain the Meridien will come as a disappointment to several of the would be buyers thought to have been interested in the

chain, including American said his consortium, which hotellers Marriott and ITT- includes several top names in Sheraton, and French group the hotel business, had "all Accor, which was outbid by sorts of ideas bubbling".

However, Marriott is still thought to be interested in buying some of the luxury hotels, along with Saudi inves tor Prince al-Waleed Bin Ta lal, and the Sultan of Brunei's younger brother, Prince Jefri Bolkiah, who already owns

Asprey, the royal jeweller.
But Sir Rocco confirme last night that he would not be bidding for any of the lux ury hotels, and would be concentrating now on other "op-portunities" A spokesman said his consortium, which

Welsh fear

losing out on

investment as

Forysth plans

WILLIAM Hague, Welsh Secretary, probably had his eye on the more dis-

tant goal of Korea when he

opened a new factory for

Taiwan's Ringtel Electron-

ics in Cwmbran, Gwent

His Cabinet colleague, Michael Forsyth, is in the

far Kast trying to win a £1

billion investment creating 4,000 jobs for Scotland.

Two weeks ago BBC TV sent Welsh hopes soaring that the investment, by LG

(ex-Lucky Goldstar), was definitely going to New-port, just down the road

from Cwmbran. But its

report turned out to be pre-

nature and Wales fears its

hopes have gone north.

Mr Hague said: "Prema-

ture speculation never

helped. Obviously, there are long and tricky negotia-

Korea move

#### Notebook



Edited by Alex Brummer

ANYONE betting on a third term for the International Monetary Fund's managing director, Michel Camdessus, in the aftermath of the Madrid annual meeting in 1994, would have been labelled a

It was in Modrid, remember, when a curious alliance of the developing countries and Camdessus rose up against the dictates of the Group of Seven richest countries and rejected its plan for a selective increase in IMF quotas — the loan accounts which nations hold at the Fund. This rebellion, by one of the world's senior civil ervants, left the Americans muttering about how he had gotten above his station and should consider his position. Even the normally phice

Camdessus appeared shaken and the widespread assumption was that he might not even be allowed to complete his second term. Then Mexico came galloping to the While a lesser person might

have panicked, Mr Camdes-sus showed admirable skill. together with the US Treasury, in marshalling the biggest rescue package ever mounted, raising some \$17 billion in a matter of weeks. Disaster on the global markets was averted, the Europeans complained about not being consulted and the Frenchman suddenly became

people not to celebrate any-thing until we've actually done it . . . I think the best thing now is for everybody to pipe down about it until, bopefully, at one point we of the IMF which effectively gave him a lock on a third IMF term if he wanted it. will have something to say There was no shortage of other candidates, including the Italian central banker PHOTOGRAPH: JEFF MORGAN (turned politician) Lamberto Dini and Britain's Sir Nigel Wicks. As well as securing a third term Mr Camdessus also has the comfort of knowing that, abould a further emergency arise, the IMF will not immediately be short of

Agreement has finally been reached on an expansion of the IMF's borrowing capacity to \$50 billion through the Borrow, ending a discussion on the global economic architecture which has dragged on since the Mexican crisis.

#### Lloyd's yanked

ORE skulduggery at Lloyd's of London. Well, in the US actually. It seems that persons unters to some Californian Names falsely telling them that meetings set up by the Association of Lloyd's Members have been cancelled. The

meetings to tell the names about Lloyd's £3.1 billion rescue plan is outraged by the "attempted sabotage" which it suspects has been carried out by other US Names.

This is symptomatic of the wider problem facing Lloyd's in the US. The difficulty is that the 2,700 US Names are claiming they were lured into joining Lloyd's on false pretences because they were unaware of the huge liabilities (ironically mainly US asbesto-

is and pollution claims). Eleven US States have initiated legal proceedings against Lloyd's. Hostilities are on hold while talks continue. demanding that Lloyd's restore them to the financial situation they held before they joined the market. Lloyd's insists that this will

not derall its recue plan. But the revelation that the US Justice Department for New York has sent a 42-question survey to Names to find out if they were defrauded when joining the market indi-

determined to fight this. fraud — the US Names knew very well they could make osses as well as profits when they joined — and the rescue plan will not crash. Nor is it likely to proceed without the US Names because that would leave them in litigation.

But that does not mean that the US Names will end up with the same deal as the UK Names. By continuing to be difficult they could well force Lloyd's to make them a better

#### Meridion switch

one of Britain's more decisively managed blue-chip companies, is starting to look positively schizo-phrenic in its attitude to the Meridien Hotels chain.

Yesterday, Granada chairman Gerry Rot group would be hanging on to Meridien for the "immediate future", thus completing a volte-face on the group's stated position during the later stages of its 23.9 billion assault on Forte. The decision has several

nada, of which the most sig-nificant is the way in which companies conduct them-selves in bld situations. It is for Forte, several institutional shareholders told Granada they were uneasy about its annarent keenness to keen Meridien, and pushed for a

change. Sure enough, Mr Robinson and his colleagues — who needed to keep the City's in-stitutions sweet to sub-underwrite a raised bid in the clos-ing stages — obliged. On the day the bid was increased Granada said Meridien was

up for sale.
It may well be that Granada is able to revive profits at Meridien more effectively than another buyer. But City institutions are entitled to ask the company some searching questions. So far they have voted with their feet, sending Granada shares down 10p to 814p.

## Clinton ire raised over Cuba trade

The US is standing firm in row with western allies over Castro, reports **Larry Elliott** in Paris

HE Clinton administration was last night refusing to back down after the leading in-dustrial nations united to condemn America's unilateral trade sanctions against western companies that do Washington made only a token effort to defuse the row

as it became clear that some of America's strongest allies — including Britain and Can-ada — were prepared to retal-iate against US firms and es-calate the dispute into a fullscale trade war.

After protracted behind-the scenes wrangling, the US reluctantly accepted the inclusion of a clause in the final communique from the twoday meeting of the Organisa-tion for Economic Co-opera-tion and Development which called for trade disputes to be settled by the World Trade

Organisation.
However, Joseph Stiglitz, chairman of President Cliniton's committee of economic advisers, stressed that the US was in no mood to retreat. He said Washington's will-ingness to discuss the sanctions in a variety of interna-tional forums should help to allay the fears of its allies. "But terrorism affects all countries. We hope more

international action against rogue regimes".

The US said that the case made by other OECD nations had it expressed concern at the "heinous actions" of ing of the WTO in Singapore. would have had more force the "heinous actions" of ing of the WTO in Singapore. regimes that committed mur-

countries will join in to take

thwarted international

Ministers from other countries were outraged by the terms of the Helms-Burton law, which was forced on President Clinton by the right-wing Congress after the downing of a civil US jet by Cuba in March. The sanctions include the withdrawal of US visas from foreign business men whose companies trade with Cuba and the right of US nies in the American courts if they occupy buildings in Cuba which are confiscated by the Castro regime.

Canada's trade minister. Art Eggleton, said the American action was a violation of international law and "unac-ceptable". He added that Ottawa had legislation in place which would hit back at the US if Canadian firms were damaged by the Helms-Bur-ton measures.

Senior British officials in Paris said the Americans had "been left in no doubt" about the strength of feeling and pledged to use the clause in the OECD communique to keep up the pressure on the

The document said that ministers agreed to work together "to strengthen the confidence in and credibility of the multilateral trading system by taking trade and investment measures that would be in contradiction with World Trade Organisation rules and OECD codes". The row over Cuba diverted attention from a rearguard action by the British delega-tion, which toned down the commitment to link trade and labour standards in develop-

ing countries.

Washington had been pushing for the OECD to call for the issue to be debated at this

## IMF emergency loan boost widens circle of global finance leaders

Alex Brummer Financial Editor

HE leading industrial countries are today ex-pected to give formal apemergency borrowing facility for the International Monetary Fund in a move which will also recognise changes in The new facility comes

after 15 months of tense nego-tiations designed to boost the emergency resources of the IMF in the wake of last year's Mexican capital crisis.

The plan to bolster the said: "I have been most imity which was last used to bail fund's resources emerged as the leading industrial the Fund at a time when it of the G10, including Switzer-

countries announced that Michael Camdessus, managing disconding world economy. I a changing world economy. I a changing world economy. I am looking forward to a furpointed for an unprecedented third term.

The 63-year-old former government of the doubled borrowing facility.

There had been speculation

dented third term.

The 63-year-old former governor of the Banque de France is widely credited with steering the global economy through last year's crisis of confidence in the emerging markets of Latin America and integrating the Russian econ-omy into the western market

The choice of Mr Camdes sus drew the support of the US, Britain and Germany. Chancellor Kenneth Clarke

in Washington that if Mr Camdessus decided to stand down the job might go to Sir Nigel Wicks of the UK Treasury, or the former Italian central banker and prime minister Lamberto Dini.

The Group of Ten industrial countries, meeting in Paris, will put the finishing touches today to expanded General Arrangements to Borrow, the emergency facil-

Australia, Spain and Singapore, recognising their in creasing role in the global economy. Saudi Arabia is also expected to be part of the new arrangement. The new members will have

the right to be consulted before any credits are advanced, giving them greater official recognition in global finance. The facility is not seen as a substitute for more perma-

nent expansion of IMF resources through a capital

## Watchdogs bite in Britain and US

Electricity firms fail to issue codes of practice that would assist customers on low incomes

THREE privatised electric-ity companies were repri-manded by their regulator yesterday for failing to pro-tect the interests of custom-

ers, writes Simon Beavis.
Scottish Power and its newly acquired subsidiary, Manweb, were castigated along with Northern Electric for failing to complete codes of practice on billing low-in-come customers and dealing with those who have payment difficulties. Professor Stephen Little-

child, director-general of Offer, said that seven of the 12 regional electricity compa-nies had some way to go to complete the codes but North-ern, Scottish Power and Manweb had not completed any. "This shows a disappoint-ing lack of concern for their

Scottish Power has boasted that the merger with Manweb last year would improve ser-

vice standards and efficiency.
Northern Electric spent the
early part of last year fending
off a hostile bid from Trafal-The new codes of practice cover areas such as use of repayment meters, late pay-ers, service for the elderly and disabled, and efficient

use of power,
British Gas also faced fresh
condemnation from one of its watchdogs yesterday for claiming that planned price controls on its TransCo pipe-lines business would jeopardise safety.
Ian Powe, director of the

Gas Consumers' Council, accused the company of "frightening" the public with unproven safety warnings.

"British Gas still has a monocoly of oursely and transnopoly of supply and trans-portation; with it goes a duty to maintain people's confi-dence, not to scare them," he

British Gas launched a ing lack of concern for their national gas emergency ser-customers. I am pressing the vice yesterday on the free companies to complete their | phone number 0800 111 999.

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work in the near future," he | Toys 'R' denies that embargo on discount Barble dolls is ploy to keep prices high

> THE US government yes terday accused Toys 'R' Us. the world's biggest toy retailer, of using its market power in America to stifle competition and keep prices high, writes Mark

Tran in New York.
Toys 'R' Us, according to the Federal Trade Commis-sion, told manufacturers it would not carry some of their popular toys if these were also shipped to deep-discount retailers.

The decision by the five FTC commissioners follows a two-year investigation into the toy industry. At issue is whether Toys 'R' Us used its market power to prevent popular toys such as the Barbie doll

from reaching its discount Toys 'R' Us accounts for more than a fifth of the warehouse clubs."

year toy retail industry in the US. The company, based in Paramus, New Jersey, has also established a substantial presence in the UK.

The group vowed to "vigorously contest" any FTC charges. Chief executive Michael Goldstein defended the chain's right to reject merchandise offered by the warehouse stores. "The FTC doesn't have a

\$19 billion (£12.5 billion) a

case," he said. He argued that his company spent millions of dol-lars to help promote, de-velop and market toys, only to see discount shops "come along during the six weeks before Christmas, without

making any such invest-ment, and select the few bottest-selling items". Discounters, Mr Goldstein said, sold popular toys at or below cost before the holiday season to draw customers into their shops.

"Given that behaviour, and Toys 'R' Us's contribution to the industry, we have told manufacturers that we reserve our unques-tionable right to refuse to

#### 350 jobs go as Liberty shuts branches in profits drive

Roger Cowe

IBERTY, the upmarket retailer of fabrics and furnishings, is to shut all its branches in the UK at the cost of 350 jobs as part of a wide-ranging shake-up aimed at restoring profitability.
It will concentrate retail activities on its famous half-tim-

bered store in London's Regent Street, and a number of airport shops. Liberty also has a joint venture selling Japanese products, with four shops trading as Muji.
The troubled company.

which returned to profit in the first half of the financial year, announced yesterday that the closing down sales would start on June 6 and most of the 20 stores around the UK are expected to close

ranging review of the busi-ness which was announced in

Liberty said yesterday that there would be other "substantial exceptional provi-sions required for the repositioning of the company". These will be revealed on June 7, along with results for the year.

The shake-up follows the appointment last year of Denis Cassidy as chairman. Last month, Mr Cassidy, who had been chairman of the Boddington pub group, replaced Liberty's chief executive with Ian Thomson, formerly with announced that former Boddington finance director Andrew Garety had become Liberty's finance director. Their review concluded that Liberty's expansion in the 1980s had been a mistake. by the end of August.

The closures will cost £5

The group has made minimal million and are part of a wide-

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Germany's biggest corporate loss brings accusations of deceit and incompetence ● New chief says he will restore group to glory

## Shareholders aim barrage of abuse at Daimler elite

many's biggest in-dustrial group, held meeting in Stuttgart yesterday amid unprecedented shareholder unrest over re-cord losses, allegations of executive deceit and a battle with a former supervisory board member over plans to shed another aerospace sub-

Jürgen Schrempp, the flam-boyant Daimler chief, receiving a baptism of fire at his first agm as board chairman. told some 10,000 shareholders in Stuttgart: "There is no doubt that the months just elapsed are among the most dramatic in the more than 100 years' history of our firm." But he promised they would soon be proud of the company

once again.

The board and supervisory board were treated to contemptuous accusations of failure by militant small share

holders keen to see heads roll, At last year's annual meeting, Edzard Reuter, Mr Schrempp's predecessor, said that 1995 would see either growing, or at worst stable,

Five weeks later, Mr hold appliances subsidiary Schrempp forecast losses of and is seeking to sell the Dor-DM1.5 billion (£660 million). The final losses were

DM5.7 billion, the largest in German corporate history, and, for the first time in living memory, there was no dividend for shareholders.

As a result, disgruntled small shareholders filed suits against Mr Reuter who was against Mr Reuter, who was Schrempp and Hilmar Kop-per, head of Deutsche Bank, Germany's biggest commer-cial bank and Daimler's big-

gest shareholder and chair-man of the Daimler super-Mr Schrempp told share-holders that Mr Reuter's last annual report was based on a medium-range plan approved by both executive and super-

visory boards. Mr Reuter, he said, had referred to worries that arose in the weeks before the agm. "Unfortunately, these turned out to be justified" - so the accusations were untrue. The past year has seen Daimler shed the Dutch aircraft manufacturer Fokker, a chronic loss-maker whose acquisition Mr Schrempp mas-

It has also broken up and closed most of the AEG house-

firm Fairchild.

Thirty motions critical of the Daimler elite were tabled yesterday. In addition to alleabuse of position, there were complaints from environmencampaigning against military

Mr Schrempp, who insists he is cutting Daimler down to size to return it to profitabil-ity and promote "shareholder value", said Mercedes, the car division, was achieving a return on capital far above the 12 per cent he set as a tar

He reiterated that profits were the priority, promising unspecified measures to improve them, and "a positive "This company is once again on the way toward

again on the way toward regaining the earnings strength that justified its out-standing reputation for many decades," Mr Schrempp said. Daimler reported sales to April this year up 9 per cent at DM32.11 billion, with Mr Schrempp saying he expects 1996 turnover to be "clearly above" last year's DM97.4 bil lion.



Not paying dividends . . . Jürgen Schempp defends Daimler-Benz directors at a meeting of 10,000 shareholders in Stuttgart

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## Industry is going green but with reservations

Roger Cowe on how managers want tougher policing of laws

rig flasco last year and new legislation have helped to push environmental issues way up the corporate agenda. As a result, many top ex-

ecutives are now going be-yond legal compliance, de-spite worries about cost and poor understanding of business benefits from en-vironmental initiatives. They are not worried about the rising tide of green laws, but do want tougher policing of regulations.

These are the main findines from a survey\* of business environment trends, published yesterday, which suggests that an internal momentum has developed in many businesses that is sustaining developments despite the disappearance of the "green consumer".

"Seventy per cent of man-

egers were more interested in environmental issues than a year ago. That is an the Green Alliance, the lobbying group which was one of the sponsors of the survey. "This could translate into companies trying better to understand societies' val-

environmental policy for-ward more quickly than governments can." The research shows that

the greater interest is | Sir Ian "I cannot comment on cing of laws

likely to lead to a majority of large companies adopting environmental policies, carrying out audits, vetting suppliers and publishing carls from Allied carls are the purchase of carls and publishing carrying out audits and publishing suppliers and publishing carls are the purchase of the purchase of

But cost remains a big stumbling block, along with a lack of awareness of

factors, suggesting that greater awareness would make it clear that the cost of green initiatives is lower, and the benefits higher, than many execu-

to environmental laws. The survey found that almost threequarters of executives do not believe legislation is too onerous, while more than half think enforcement is not tough enough. gic to regulation, but that is not something that rings true to business. In fact, there may be areas where

husinesses would welcome regulation."

Chris Farman, managing astounding rate of in-crease", said Julie Hill of sultancy which co-sponsored the research, said it was clear that businesses want stricter enforcement. \*UK Business and Environ ment Trends Survey, pub-

## **Bass notes rumour but** plays up heady brands

**OUTLOOK**/ Surprisingly strong results allow brewer to deflate pressure on beer deal, reports Pauline Springett

the botels and the beer. So it was a shame that chairman and chief executive

"I read the rumours with great interest and I under-stand why they exist," said Sir Isn. "We are, after all, fiments can bring.
Ms Hill linked these two nancially very strong and will be spending £600 million on capital expenditure this year.

Obviously we can buy things without a problem." Brewing experts believed, said Sir Ian, that consolida-tion within the industry was tives expect.
She also drew attention to the attitude of business inevitable if the average rate of return was to be increased. It was, he suggested, a logi-cal extension of such thinking

to believe that Bass was manoeuvering to snap up Carlsberg Tetley. But, he said, the real growth in profits for the brewers was in brand Witness, he said, the huge success of Caffrey's Irlsh Ale, which Bass launched in March 1994 and which was now the company's third

to understand societies' values. It may enable compa-London NW1.

HE results were better than expected, the City was happy and own brochure as "the UK's own broch b own brochure as "the UK's first and leading alcoholic the boss was keen to talk about the good bits ... carbonate, this refreshing holic beverage)"

It has, suggests the com-pany, been "substitutional for beer to a considerable extent". A cynic might interpret this as another hint that Hooch is not aimed at under age teen-

The upshot of this is that Bass is planning to launch more branded drinks. been paying attention will have noticed, it does not

mean that the Carlsberg Tetley acquisition is off Bass's agenda. In fact the market had partly expected the purchase to be announced along with the half-year results. It is a deal which appears to suit all parties. Allied Domecq, half owner of Carlsberg Tetley.

the UK's third largest brewer, is believed to be keen to sell Carlsberg is understood to have been considering ex-changing its stake in the joint venture for a minority stake in Bass. The difficulty, it appears, lies not with the par-

ties but with the Office of Fair Trading. The combined market share of Bass and Carlsberg Tetley would be around 40 per cent. Consequently, it seems likely that the OFT may be pushing for Bass to dispose of some of its tied pubs, something Bass would probably refuse to accept without a fight.

Main activity: Used to be known merely as a brewer, the group now includes hotels, mainly Holiday Inn; pubs, bowling centres, Coral 125 76 136

the issue was more than nor-mal business reticence surrounding a deal which may be in the throes of extremely delicate discussion.

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It also appeared to be an at-tempt to stress that although Carlsberg Tetley might indeed be a wise buy, it is not essential for the future wellbeing of the company. If so, it is a stance which the figures generally bear out. All the divisions except the leisure retailing operation,

halls and clubs, showed im-proved profits. Even here, Sir Ian refused to be too downise to accept without a ngnulise to accept without a ngnulise in insiders are to be beat.

"I can't pretend it hasn't bettering." he

which runs the betting, bingo

lan's decision to play down said, although he stressed the the issue was more than normal business reticence surby competition from the cards, as well as the severe winter weather, was showing signs of recovery.

1995

1996

The big success story, apart from the pubs, was the hotel franchise Holiday Inns. Mainly based in the US, i benefited from the addition of new hotels to the franchise and the weeding out of others as well as the upturn in the fortunes of the hotel industry generally.

Some 516 more hotels are in line to join the franchise and, if Bass can maintain this momentum, this part of the busi-Now also available in or-lieved, the negotiations have "I can't pretend it hasn't ness shows no sig ange and blackcurrant fia- reached fever pitch. But Sir taken quite a battering," he out of steam yet. ness shows no sign of running

> EMONSTRATIONS at annual meetings are commonplace these days. So Alfred McAlpine, the construction group, could hardly be blamed for taking on extra security at its agm yesterday, espe cially since environmental ists have recently acquired shares. McAlpine has been one of the main contractors

> bury bypass, the focus of our biggest environmental In the event, the men in the hard hats need not have panicked. Only four share-holders, all grey-haired men in tweed jackets, bothered to turn up.

on the controversial New

this week, selling ice cream to the Russians. This is the group which recently blamed bad weather in the southern states of the US for poor results from its Baskin-Robbins subsidiary. Undeterred, the company this week got Prince

### **Ex-tycoon guilty of** fraud conspiracy

FORMER property tycoon Simon Fussell and ex-stockbroker Rudi de Mendonca were yesterday found guilty of conspiracy to defraud a property group after being charged by the Serious Fraud Office in connection with an investigation into the now defunct Norton motorcycle maker. Mr de Mendonca was also found guilty of two charges of forgery.

Both men have been remanded on ball for sentencing at

Southwark Crown Court on June 21. The case controd on the sale of a property called Exide House from property company Priest Marians Holdings to furniture company Minty. Mr Fus sell was a shareholder of both companies and also chairman of The SFO said Mr Fussell had made a "secret and dishones

profit" from the sale of Exide House because it was sold to a fictitious person before being sold to Minty. In the interim, a lease was created at a premium of 2850,000. — Pauline Springett

#### Director awaits IR move

GRAEMS McCallum, one of the two directors of construction group Alfred McAlpine arrested last Thursday, said yesterday that he was hoping to bear details on possible charges he may face McAlpine director Eric Grove, was speaking after the group's annual meeting in London.

During the meeting, outgoing chairman Sir John Milne refused to say anything about last week's events, reiterating that the arrests — which followed Inland Revenue inquiries — were related to "personal matters". He reported, however, that current trading was "in line with expectations", adding that margins remained under pressure. — Ion King

#### William Hill write down

BRENT Walker, the crashed 80s conglomerate formerly run by George Walker, yesterday stunned the City by writing down the value of William Hill, its betting chain, by £269.7 million to £427.9 million. At the same time, Brent Walker said operating profits at William Hill had fallen by 25 per cent, to £51.2 million.

mainly because of the National Lottery.

Brent Walker is also writing down the value of its Pubmaster pubs estate by £17.9 million, although profits improved at the chain from £13.3 million to £16.3 million. Overall, before interest payments were taken into account. Brent Walker made a pre-tar loss of £251.5 million against profits of £45.6 million the previous year. However, interest payments swelled this to £409.3 million, while the group's debts now stand at £1.5 billion. The shares closed down 1/2 p at 2 hp. — Ian King

#### Developer's spending peaks

LAND Securities, Britain's biggest property company, said yes-terday that its spending on developments would peak this year. Speaking as the company announced a slight fall in full-year pre-tax profits, from £244.7 million to £238.7 million, chairman Peter Hunt said the likely cost of the programme would be around

Commenting on the results, Mr Hunt said the levels of rental growth the group had expected had "failed to materialise", adding that rental growth had generally been "patchy". However, he said there had been a more significant improvement in rents at retail warehouses, a sector in which Land Securities now has a portfolio worth over \$517 million. Its shares fall in the fail not the lio worth over £517 million. Its shares fell 2p to 641p on the

#### Consumer contracts boost

THE Office of Fair Trading (OFT) has taken action against more The Office of rair training (OF 1) has taken action against more than 280 companies for including unfair terms in consumer contracts. The OFT has received more than 700 complaints from consumers and trading standards officers about unfair terms since last July when new European regulations on consumer

contracts came into force.

According to an OFT bulletin published yesterday, the most common unfair terms are "catch-all" clauses which are intended to exclude business from all liability from loss or damage even where caused by the companies' own negligence. In the majority of cases, the OFT has ordered companies to remove or amend the offending clauses. — Ian Wylie

#### Telecom jobs on the line

RON Sommer, chairman of Deutsche Telekom, Germany's soon-to-be-privatised telecom monopoly, provided grim news for am-ployees yesterday when he said he expected to more than double operating profits to DM16.3 billion (27 billion) by 2000. Industry sources believe such profits growth could only be achieved by savage reductions in the workforce. Mr Sommer told the German magazine Capital that he expected the group's stock market launch in November to be more successful than currently expected. — Nicholas Bannister

#### Nintendo's game comeback

NINTENDO profits rose for the first time in three years, with the strangthening dollar more than compensating for a fall in sales. Japan's top manufacturer of computer game players said that pre-tax profits for the parent company in the past financial year rose 19.8 profits for the parent company in the pass manicial year rose 19.8 per cent to 117.1 billion yen (£723 million), "Our profits got a lift from the dollar's rise," Hiroshi Imanishi, a managing director at Nintendo, said. The dollar's ascent from about 90 yen last year to 106 yen this year inflated Nintendo's profits by 30.3 billion

#### Volatile prices cause cash evaporation at Courtaulds

Roper Cours

COURTAULDS, the chemicals group, is negotiating long-term contracts with leading suppliers in order to reduce the price volatility that resulted in a 13 per cent fall in 1995 profits, which were reported yesterday. Sipko Huismans, retiring

as chief executive, said the acrylic and viscose fibre business had "a very, very bad year" because of the volatility of raw-material prices as the chemical industry emerged

from recession.

The price of acrylonitrile tripled before falling back to a level only slightly above where it started. Wood pulp, the raw material for viscose, rose in price from \$500 per tonne to \$1,200 before return-

Mr Huismans said: "It is no way to run an industry for grown-ups." His designated successor, Gordon Campbell, said the company already had two agreements linking purchase prices to selling prices, and more were being dis-

as well to avoid the kind of volume.

volatility we have seen. It is an industry trend, but it needs a shock like we had last year to get it going."
As a result of price volatility, profits in the fibre and

more than a quarter to £58 million, causing a reduc-tion in group profits from £151 million to £131 million. The coatings and sealants division reported a £10 million profit rise to £71 million. Tencel, the group's new fibre, which handles like silk but has the durability of denim, moved into profit for the first time. ues to exceed what Courtaulds can produce, despite adding extra manufacturing capacity. A fourth plant will be added in the Far East, following expansion in Grimsby and Mobile, Ala-

Courtaulds is planning a marketing campaign to stim-ulate consumer interest in Tencel, which is available in clothes ranging from jeans to cocktail dresses. But the publicity will not appear until autumn 1988, when the extra production from Grimsby "It's good for the suppliers makes Tencel available in

hama.

### Underside

most valuable brand.

Other Bass brand suc-cesses, added Sir Ian, in-cluded the premium lager

Grolsch, whose sales grew by 44 per cent in the first half of

the year, and the recently launched alcoholic lemonade.

the controversial Hooper's

Now also available in or-

Roger Cowe

T'S TOUGH getting idioms right in a foreign tongue. Hans Allders, a continental official from gramme, attempted to praise British business the other night by saying the other night by saying the country was shedding its image as "the dirty old man of Europe". Since he was talking about environmental matters, he probably meant "dirty man". But on the other hand, given Indexide's Underside's recent experi-ence of Human Resource executives (reported last week), perhaps not.

deputy chairman, Keith Oates, was un-usually voluble at the annual results presenta-tion. An air of less-thanusual reverence has crept into his attitude to the boss, perhaps since it became ap-parent that he may be dep-uty chairman for some reappointment for another

leagues are always trying Not with much success. interrupted Oates, to gen-

TS rough at the top, as Sunday Times business section editor John Jay is discovering. Jay was recruited from the Sunday Telegraph last year after Jeff Randall moved tempo-rarily into PR. Now Ran-dall has returned as an associate editor with the right to roam anywhere through the ST's pages, a column rivalling Jay's on the business pages, and reportedly a direct line to proprietor Rupert Murdoch. After a few weeks of this creative tension, Jay is apparently feeling the strain.

ALKING of top jobs, will David Peretz get the number two slot at the OECD? He is our man at the Treasury responsible for relations with such inbeing pushed strongly. But it is rumoured he may well fall foul of the Government's previous strenuous time, following chairman efforts in that direction, Sir Richard Greenbury's which failed to ease the greatest Chancellor of all



OBERT Dunkley, of computer services giant Hoskyns, warned yesterday that com-Allied Domecq set off on its latest adventure **CCIDENT-prone** panies competing in the gas market were not investing vice. But some are invest-ing too much. Kinetica, the joint venture between PowerGen and Conoco, has recently focused its mar-keting campaign on an ob-scure corner of south-west Wiltshire. Its mallshot Michael of Kent to open a promises gas supplies at 20 Moscow factory which can per cent less than British produce 8 million gallons a Gas, which sounds pretty year. An executive exgood to the residents of plained: "Russian people crockerton — a village eat ice cream throughout five years. At one point Sir time, Nigel Lawson, into which isn't connected to the year." So it wasn't snow mains gas at all at present. on their boots, after all.

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## Fresh start for new-look **England**

Mike Selvey on the much-changed team that begins a three-match one-day series against India today

NGLAND's four-year build-up to the new World Cup campaign begins at The Oval today with a shift in emphasis that many thoughts. that many thought beyond those who manage English

cricket.

The shake-up, before the dust has settled on the postmortem file to England's disastrous World Cup, Has been stimulated by a recent record in limited-overs internationals of only three wins in 13 matches played this year, and one in 11 against Test-playing opposition.

England's tardy preparation for the last World Cup was pathetic. A seven-match series against South Africa

series against South Africa ought to have provided an opportunity to settle on a side and strategy for the coming few months, Instead, coming as it did at the series of t as it did at the end of a hard Test series, it was seen as an unnecessary and tiresome apendage. So England went to the World Cup with no idea of their best side or the way that the side would play, and returned none the wiser.

Suddenly, though, things have changed and in a big way. Where once the Texaco series was seen as a moneyspinning pipe-opener to the summer's main Test event — something from which to gain the winning habit, but not a national disaster if it were lost — it has taken on the status of an event in its own right. England need to win for their own credibility and to start formulating their ideas

for the next World Cup, which is on home territory. A shake-up in the selection process has led to a broader debate and as a result eight of the 16 who played a part in the World Cup campaign have been jettisoned. The squad that will play today's match and those at Headingley on Saturday and Old Trafford on

Specialist batsmen or bowlers, as advocated by Imran Khan after Pakistan's triumph in the previous World matches against Middlesex Cup, are not enough now: in-

field, but inventively, run like demons between the wickets, and field like there is no and held like there is no tomorrow are the order of the day. This England squad would have made a better fist of things on the subcontinent. With the new regime, which includes a vibrant new coach in David Lloyd, comes the chance for new players—Ronnie Irani Mark Palkan

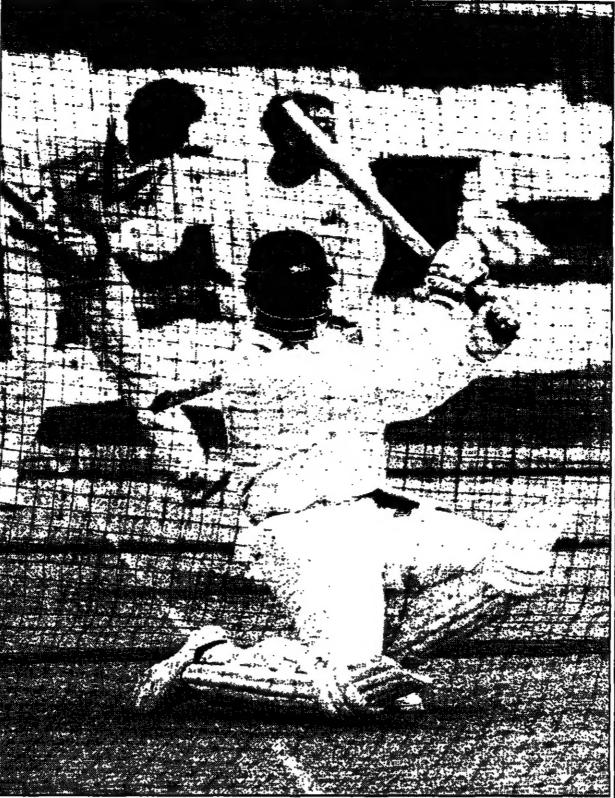
Ronnie Irani, Mark Ealham and Alistair Brown, all in their mid-twenties and therefore with a long-term interest — to establish themselves and for a couple of failen stars, Chris Lewis and Matthew Maynard, to re-establish themselves in the new order. The player from whom English cricket has most to gain is Lewis, the ultimate enigmatic cricketer. That he has the sort of talent beyond the dreams of most cricketers has never been in dispute; harnessing it has been another matter. But a change of English management and another move — he is at his third county now, and at last, he says, has found an envi-ronment in which he feels he

can prosper — will make or break him. Giving him another chance is to be applauded but he knows the stakes are high now and he will not get another.

As one of the most uninhibited strikers of the ball in county cricket, Brown earns his chance in the wake of the vogue for top-of-the-order pinch-hitters in the World Cup and is an adventurous selection. One hopes, how-ever, that Rogland are not

one move behind the game.

Already this season it has been shown that in English conditions, where the new ball seams more than in hotter climates and retains its shine longer, the fielding restrictions are not the encumbrance they were in India and Pakistan. Sachin Tendul-Sunday is a recognition of the way that the game has left the batting for India with England behind, and a such freedom and brilliance in the World Cup, has found it necessary to graft for his runs at the start of the innings in the recent limited overs



other than variety. That would point to Ealham, a tidy, intelligent bowler and biffing batsman, making his debut while Smith and Irani sit it

If England have some credibility to claw back, so too do

showers — and The Oval din won the toss, inserted Sri Srinath and Kumble has pitch generally favouring Lanka and paid a terrible much of the incisiveness of a pace. Mike Atherton might price. That his house is still Richard and Judy interview. Standing is a wonder; that he is still captain, a miracle.

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There have been casualties, most notably Vinod Kambli (allegedly for nocturnal shenanigans during the tournament), but with Tendulkar, Azharuddin, Sidhu and Manjrekar the betting remains for-midable and in form. Doubts

only debate this morning will be which of Suarav Ganguly, an all-rounder, the spinner Sunil Joshi and pace bowler Paras Mhambrey plays. Paras in the springtime could be the

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It was announced yester-day that Volvo is, for the

second time, to sponsor the China Open at the Beijing

International club from

May 30-June 2. The field will feature 144 profession-

als, most of them from the

Omega tour — the burgeon-ing Far East professional tour — but there will be a

England. Yawar Saced managed Pakistan when they last toured England in 1992.

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#### **Rugby Union** Clubs look for more sympathy at RFU summit around 20 to 30 young men who at the moment have no firm basis on which to plan their future careers," said NGLAND's leading clubs will seize the op-portunity to put the re-cord straight on their compet-Wheeler. That situation can-not be allowed to continue; the time for decisions is itive and financial demands for next season when they imminent." Wheeler believes there is meet the full committee of the Rugby Football Union in Lonmore sympathy within the RFU for the top clubs' special don tomorrow. The clubs in-sist their case for wanting needs than Brittle's hard-line response has seemed to indimore money and control has not been fairly put whenever cate in recent months. Bill Bishop, the RFU president who has called tomorrow's Cliff Brittle, the chairman of the RFU executive, has reported back to Twickenham after negotiations. Peter Wheeler, who will favour of Epruc members in fa represent the clubs with Don-ald Kerr and Sir John Hall, from television. Exactly how complained yesterday that many members of the full the 63-man committee had not been made fully aware of the more flexible stance remains reasons behind the English to be seen. Professional Rugby Union Clubs' demands for a fresh deal. The Leicester club's In fact, the clubs have significantly tooled down their original list of demands which would in effect have allowed the RFU only a conchief executive suggested that some misrepresentation of

the demands had undermined sultative or watchdog role in trust between the clubs and the administration of the clubs' affairs. Epruc are now prepared to accommodate Twickenham's "We don't think our arguments have been getting through to the committee be-cause of Cliff Brittle's nega-tive attitude, which brings everything to a halt, said Wheeler. "We are boping to revised format for the Div make the most of this unique

isional Championship in No-vember and December; they will also take part in the RFU's condensed version of the European Cup instead of insisting on a schedule of matches at regular intervals opportunity to state our case and present the relevant throughout the season.

The England No. 8 Dean Richards has been re-elected

It will be the first time that the RFU's governing body, famously described by Will Carling last year as the "old as captain of the Leicester Tigers for next season. Richards, who has led Leicester in 90 matches, finished ahead of farts", have come face to face with the principal movers and shakers in club rugby.
The Epruc delegation will spell out the nature of the the England wing Rory ● Andy Clarke, the fitness adviser with the Courage

problems at club level in hold-ing on to their players and making plans for next season without a properly funded agreement to carry them into

league side Sale and the rugby league club Halifax, has joined Ireland's manage-ment team with the responsi-

#### bility of developing a fitness Each club has in its squad | programme. **Wales beginning**

longest of hauls

David Plummer on a tour to restore

tattered reputations

HEN Wales were last in Australia, in the dark days of 1981, they humiliated themselves on the field and disgraced themselves off it. As they have been constantly reminded in the weeks leading up to today's departure for an eight-match tour, they lost to New South Wales 71-8 and were then defeated 63-6

by Australia. Their bosts' surprise turned to shock at the banquet after the international when a group of Wales play-ers started brawling. "Woeful Wales wallop each other," screamed a headline in the Sydney Morning Herald. which questioned why the tourists had not shown as much fight on the field. "It will be some time before we welcome Wales back," Terry Doyle, then the chief executive of the Queensland

union. Wales's results have not improved significantly since then - their victory against France in March ended a record run of eight consecutive championship defeats — but they have an optimism and self-confidence not detected since 1988, when they last

won the Triple Crown. We are conscious that we have to restore our reputa-tion," said the captain Jonathan Humphreys. "What happened five years ago marked the nadir for Wales. Our standing was very low and it is good to have a chance to put the record straight."
When Wales first toured

When Wales first toured Australia and New Zealand they were given demanding itineraries, but world rugby's balance of power has long shifted. They will not be meeting Queensland and will play New South Wales four days before the first Test so the provincial stide will be charm provincial side will be shorn of their current Wallabies. The two internationals

tures involve ACT, whose performance in the Super 12 series was enhanced by a flood of imports, and New South Wales Country, tradi-tional cannon-fodder.

The Wallables Will no choose their side until after Wales's match against ACT in Canberra, and they will have only three days together before the opening international.

Alex Evans, the former Car-diff and Wales coach who is now the Australian Rugby Union's national director of coaching, said: "Wales were a sorry sight in 1991 but they will be far more competitive this time and I anticipate a close series. They played some excellent rugby in the Five Nations and they will command the respect in Aus-

tralia lacking in 1991." The Wales coach Kevin Bowring Is not setting any targets in terms of wins. "It will be a tough tour and I will judge our success or failure by the manner of perfor-mances," he said. "We are clawing our way up from the bottom rung of the interna-tional ladder and will be coming up against some of the best players in the world. We need to measure ourselves against the best and this is the perfect tour for us."
Wales have toured New

Zealand and Australia only twice before and their Test record stands at eight defeats

out of eight. "We have to make far more major tours," said the WRU's coaching director Terry Cobner, who was captain or the 1978 tour of Australia-"Kevin and I are currently drawing up a five-year pro-gramme. We need to visit countries like Australia and New Zealand regularly.

"We used to have a poor reputation as tourists and were seen as home birds, but tours were relatively rare then. Australia five years ago marked the lowest point but there will be no repeat of what happened then. Our inlians remembering us as com-petitive on the field and good apart, the other Saturday fix- to have a beer with off it."

#### Tennis

## French Open

BORIS BECKER has pulled out of next week's French Open because of a thigh

injury. The 28-year-old Australian Open champion tore a muscle on the inside of his right thigh in two places during his defeat by Switzerland's Marc Rosset in his opening World Team Cup match on Monday and had to pull out of yester day's singles against Sergi Bruguera. David Prinosil was named as his replacement in Germany's round-robin group match against Spain.
"I am extremely disappointed." said Becker, the

three-times Wimbledon champion who has never won a last six weeks' preparation on clay have been for nothing. Hopefully I will be back for the grass-court season."

• Monica Seles, playing on a European court for the first time since a spectator stabbed her in Hamburg three years ago, survived five match

points to defeat the Austrian Barbara Schett 3-5, 7-6, 6-2 at the Spanish Open in Madrid yesterday. Seles had not played since early February because of a shoulder injury.

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## Becker out of British Olympic coach resigns

Pat Rowley

AVID WHITAKER has resigned as Great Brit-ain coach less than two months before the start of the Atlanta Olympics. The official reason is that his business has grown enormously and he feels unable to give the coaching the attention it requires. He says his decision has been made possible by the successful way the manager David Whittle and the supporting coaches, John Copp (Reading) and James Duthie (Surbiton), have developed.

Richard Dodds, chairman of the GB Men's Olympic

Hockey Committee, said: moved in with Sue Slocombe, tionals. They lost the first 2-1.

"Whittle now becomes the top man, Copp will be chief coach and Duthle team coach." eaking at Bisham, where the team are training, he said Whitaker wanted to resign after the team qualified at Barcelona in January but he was persuaded to stay on.

Whitaker, 47, who became an OBE after coaching Britain's gold medal winners in 1988 and was under contract as a part-time coach until unable to give a wholehearted commitment to the team. Besides his management consultancy he has a complicated personal life, hav-ing recently left his wife and



Whitaker . . . 'other business'

the women's team coach. The officials who will take the team to Atlanta have borne the brunt before now. They will probably give players more individual coaching and press for a more attack-ing game, but the loss of Whi-taker's Olympic experience is a serious blow.

 A goal by Jane Sixsmith in the dying seconds enabled Britain's women to draw 1-1 with Argentina at Lilleshall in the second of two interna-

#### Rugby League

#### Laughton accepts 'real world' as Spruce joins Bradford Bulls

Paul Fitzpatrick

STUART SPRUCE, the 25-year-old Widnes full-back, yesterday joined Bradford Bulls in a deal valued at £140,000. The Bulls have paid £120,000 in cash for Spruce and let the hooker Tommy Hodgkinson go to Naughton Park as part of the package. Hodgkinson joined Bradford for £20,000 from St Helens a

year ago. Spruce should prove a valuable acquisition for Bradford and his capture underscores the Bulls' rising stature and their determination to chal-lenge Wigan and St Helens as a leading Super League club.
Doug Laughton probably
exaggerated slightly yesterday when he said that this transfer was the first time he had sold a top player. But his

disappointment at losing such a brave, quick full-back was palpable.

judgment.
"But we live in the real world," said Laughton, "and I can understand Stuart's position. We also have excellent back-up in Gary Broadbent and will be bringing a big-name player to the club for next season."

appearances for Widnes since joining them from the amateur club Widnes Tigers in 1990. He has played only once for Great Britain — against France in 1993 — but has been

his 1994-95 season and delayed his comeback well into the Centenary season. He was absent for 10 months and that cost him any chance of playing for England in the World referee the match under

Tony Smith, the 29-year-old palpable.

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#### **Quinnell fit** to face Bath

SCOTT QUINNELL, the from rugby union which he raided with impeccable judgment.

reverts to rugby union with Richmond next month, has recovered from a groin strain and will be fit for Wigan's cross-code return contest against Bath at Twickenham on Saturday, writes Paul

Fitzpatrick. Shaun Edwards, Wigan's scrum-half, is doubtful, how-ever, and an unusual halfnext season."

Spruce scored 47 tries in 136 back pairing is likely in the youthful Craig Murdock and the veteran Joe Lydon, who has not been in the first team since November 1994. Lydon has been playing reg-

1990. He has played only once for Great Britain — against France in 1993 — but has been unlucky with injury.

Serious knee damage brought a premature end to his 1994-95 season and delayed lise comeback well into the surprise move may see surprise move may see Va'aiga Tulgamala in the

> Brian Campsall, who will union rules, is worried about lengthy scrums. "I am con-cerned about the safety angle

## Faldo becomes a laughing cavalier birdies at the rate of £10 and £5. "I have to get six birdies every round in order to lose only a little,"

David Davies

ANEW relaxed and laughing Nick Faldo launched himself at the first place, during a practice round for the Playor Championship. She winning a shoot-out during the preliminaries for the Volvo PGA Championship at Wentworth, the US Mas ters champion said: "This £15 down before she knew is the new me. It has it." dawned on me that my record gives me this nice freedom to be more relaxed
about my golf and also to
worked his way into the
worked his way into the have a more aggressive spirit.

"Since winning the Masnow in its 21st season.

spirit.
"Since winning the Masters I can have a free run at the rest of the season. I can put my record on the wall and no one can take it away from me." That record fea tures six major champion-ships this year after "two years when I wasn't even

Faldo went on, after the Canon-sponsored shootyou are not winning. Since Augusta it's been a much nicer feeling than wondering what's still in you. Win-

worked out a routine for practice rounds with Fanny

smattering of entries from the West. In last year's in-augural event Sandy Lyle finished 39th. ning just makes me want to work harder." To encourage an aggres-sive attitude Faldo has

Sunesson, his caddle of six European Challenge Tour years. He has to pay her if schedule and its prize-fund he only pars a hole but she of £64,309 puts it in the top pays out for eagles and 10 on that tour.

The first properly consti-tuted Russian Open will also be played this year, on the country's only 18-hole course, the Moscow Country Club, from September 5-8. It features on the PGA

#### Sacked caddie sues Ballesteros

caddie Joey Jones. The Ryder Cup captain was served with a writ for breach of contract during a practice session at the Benson and Hedges Interna-tional in Oxfordshire. Jones claims Ballesteros had promised him at least a

year's work but he was

SPAIN's Severiano Bal-lesteros is being sued "He told me I was a good for £14,000 by his former guy and a good caddie but guy and a good caddie but he was merging the roles of caddie and coach so I wasn't needed. He offered me a £400 pay-off — just a week's wage. It took me a month to find another cad-

dying job.
"When I tried to hand Seve the writ he shook his head, muttered and refused released after only five to accept it. I pressed it weeks, during which time the Spaniard collected legally." Ballesteros has

### Sailing

#### **Baird joins New York pact**

Bob Fleher

Champion and world No. 1 match-racing skipper, has joined the New York's Yacht Chub's attempt to return the America's Cup to the United States.

that was responsible for Young
America in 1995 and has been selected by the NYYC, made

Club's America's Cup skipthe announcement yesterday per, will also be competing.

at the St Petersburg Yacht Club, which has joined the Pact 2000/NYYC challenge.
Last week Baird finished
third in the Brut Royal Lymington Cup behind Russell Coutts, who skippered the yacht that took the America's Cup to Auckland. Baird and Coutts will meet

Pact 2000, the technical team | again in next week's Brut Cup

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## Dr Massini gets Derby call again

Chris Hawkins

R MASSINI, who looked doubtful for next month's Voda-fone Derby after he was found to be lame in his off-fore leg on Monday, is back in full training for the Epsom Classic on June 8.

A statement issued yesterday by the colt's trainer Michael Stoute read: "Dr ously, we now need a clear run up to the race and if there is any further hold-up I will inform the public immediately."

Whitewater Affair will not be contesting the Caks, John

Described as a horse that "has had niggling problems in the past" by his owner Michael Tabor. Dr Massini may not be the ideal type for the switchback Epsom track, with its usual firm ground. Rain could ease the going

this year and a limit of 30 runners, from 33, will make things marginally easier. There were no major sur-prises at the latest forfeit

stage for the Derby yesterday. | mile. Mons, Silver Dome and King | Interestingly, she is by the

Alex were not unexpected absentees from the 34 still stand-Tuesday's Predominate winsentees from the 34 still stand-ing their ground.

Bookmakers reacted posi-tively to the news about Dr Massini, with Ladbrokes, who had quoted the unbeaten who had quoted the unbeams colt at 4-1 with a run, later reintroducing him as 5-1 cofavourite with Dushyantor and Glory Of Dancer.
Stoute, who is recovering from a minor operation on Monday for the removal of a

Massini has resumed his Derby preparation. Obviously, we now need a clear Whitewater Affair win the

Greetham, her owner, stating a preference for the Ribbles-dale Stakes at Royal Ascot a choice influenced once again by the tricky Epsom

track. Ray Cochrane brought Whitewater Affair with a strong run on the outside to win decisively from Shemozzle and she kept on well enough to suggest that she will stay an extra quarter



Fast forward . . . the blinkered Montserrat sticks his head out to win the sprint handicap at Goodwood vesterday

## Dettori to bounce back with Sharp Rebuff

you don't want to strain returns to action with five rides at Goodwood Even Top looks much more likely to relish a mile and a today after serving a 10-day ban and it should not be should really come into his own over middle-distances. long before he is back amongst the winners,

> His mount in the third race on the card is Sharp Rebuff (3.10), who showed

Dettori | his best form on softish | White in the Festival | ground last season. Conditions have come right for Peter Makin's five-year-old, who is quite possibly better than ever judging by his promising fifth behind Yeast in the competitive Victoria Cup at Ascot on his reappearance.

Dettori switches to Lear

Stakes now that his origi-nal ride, Midnight Legend, has been pulled out owing to the change in the going. Lear White has softground form in Italy last year and belied his 50-1 price with a creditable fifth behind Singspiel at San-down last month.

Maralinga (3.40), only his name, such as the St ninth in that race, has James's Palace Stakes and ninth in that race, has something to find with Lear White. But he is better well since his only outing judged on last season's form, which included a close third to Luso in the Chester Vase, and he will strip fitter this time.

well since his only outing last year. Michael Stoute's colt should go close here.

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Over the jumps at Uttox-eter, Stormtracker (7.00) looks a good bet to continue Rocky Oasis (4.45), who trainer Colin Weedon's fine has several fancy entries to | recent run of form.

#### Stereo sounds a longshot

somewhat conservative 66-1 is est acceptance stage has not available with Hill's about the mystery horse in this year's Horseracing Board has no

This colt, who finished last cer until Monday June 3.

In his only start for Newmar
This situation is not withon his only start for Newmar-August, is still in the race quence of the forfeit entry after yesterday's forfeit stage system," said Paul Greeves. despite having been sold to a racing director of the BHB.

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210 0500-0 SUBBESTHALL SPECIAL (17) Mrs P Outfield 5-7-11

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TOP FORM TIPS: Captain Horathas 8, Maralings 7, Wijers 8

POINT GROW - TARRAN Led II cut to over 11 out, Lapt on, 11 2nd behind Seauchamp Jede, with LOHBARDIC free 18), 11th of 12 Wearmorket 1m4, Gd-Fm; BOYAL SCHITTAR Made all, early, to Charler 81 (Bath Ingi144y, Gd-Fm). BARDON MILL BOYN Promisers, led notice lines bridge, gain on well to bt Zermen 18 (Bath 1m2, Gd-Fm). BT ON THE SERIE Always going well, led on bit over 11 out, early, bi Swallows Dream 18 (Warweck 100) 18 (Section 18), 18 (Warweck 100) 18 (Section 18), 18 (Warweck 100) 18 (Section 18), 18 (Warweck 100) 18 (Warweck 10

Bettings 4-1 Starp Report, 5-1 Star Talent. Courageous Denser, 7-1 Double Matt. 8-1 My Best Valentin 18-1 Orange Place, Sea Thurster. Jo Maximus

PORM CUIDE - COUNTACEOUS DANCERS Tracked leaders, riopes over 11 oct, one pace. If 3rd behan Sesendo (Newtourist 77 Gd; SHARP RESEARCH Meadway 21 aud, one pace, 41 bh to Yeast, with JO MAXIMUS (sevels) nather 78 ewey 188

IR TALENT: Started stown, headanny over 1f out 1881 on, 28 3rd to Hugenty here on Tuesday (1m, Gd). UBLE MATT: Rudden over 21 out, one pace, 81 5th to Neuvest (Linghald 7f, Gd-Pai).

HAT price a Serbian | Mr M Ivanovic and exported trained runner in the to the former Yugoslavia. Al-Vodafone Derby. Well, a though the fee due for the latfurlong on the round gallop but no farther than that power to remove Stereo Dan-

4.45 Rocky Coals (mb)

Goodwood with guide to the form

stand how some of these horses who are little more

than maiden winners are so

short in the betting," said

Tompkins.
"I'm delighted with Even
Top's progress since the

Guineas. He worked very well

over a mile the other day and I might send him a mile and a

half than Mark Of Esteem and

Topanoora, his sire, won over a mile and a half while

his dam was successful over a

mile and three-quarters.

1.1	Ориса	IG CHANNEL CLASHING STAKES 270 M C4,104	
<b>C1</b>	213-6	ORTOLASI (at) R Hampion 9-2	Desc 076cE (3) 4
22	335	DEFICTION (19) R Ginst 8-6	L Detteri 2
02 03	222-05	LICREEL EDWARDS (8) P Colo 8-8	T Carbo 5
04 06 06		GORGERE (13) J Hetherton 8-6	
06		RED TREE (14) M Sourciars 8-8	
	000-0	DANICHIG MAN (18) N/4 N Long 4-4	M Adams &
07		RECEIV (23) A Jarvis 8-2	
	800-00	VICTORY COMMANDER (24) T Haughton 5-2	31 Many (B) 22
80		COMPY KATE (100) W Mak 8-1	
10	44-0420	CHRELANO (7) (SF) M Chamon 7-13	N Cardiale 9
11	4.97	ELEGARTISSEA (24) \$ 000 7-13	J Onles 7

lettings 5-4 Ortoler, 9-2 Lional Estwerds, 6-7 Depiction, 8-1 Cindy Kite, 12-1 Garmire, Red Time. 16 Jegantissims, 20-1 Beony DEPICTION: Always channed landers, one pace final 21, 6 5th bind Hammerstein (Thirst 71, Gd).

4.4	A & J MILL MARRIM STAKES SVC 1m 1f CS,047	ľ
801	65 CHARROL (18) H Cock 9-8	ı
502	5- DUNCONER HALL (386) C Craft 9-0	ı
606	22 NORTH S060 (13) (BF) J Goeden 9-0	ı
804	80-00 REALMS OF GLORY (7) P Mychol 9-0	ı
605	3- BOCECY OASIS (201) M Storin 9-0	
606	(6- DRAMATIC MOMENT (2009)   Baiding 8-9	
607	4 PRICHARDE RIGHT (17) S Dove 8-8	
806	SEEFELA   Boiding 6-9	1
809	TA AWUR A State to 5-0 W Carses 2	

Betting: 2-1 North Scog. 5-2 Chebrol, 11-4 Rocky Cascs, 5-1 Premier Hight, 12-1 Duncombe Hell, 16-Sherms, Ta Awart, 18-1 Dramstic Moment. CHABROL: Disputed lead, driven along over headed 2 out, feded 2 out, 12 Sta to Level Picin (Chae) (1933): Devell, hendragy over 21 agi, lagt on, 51 ård blid Massani (Doncassar 71, Gid). 1908/17: Hendrary Mous, faded over 11 agi. 71 4th to Whitnesider Affair (Mempion 1 m. Gal-Fm).

-	O LEVEN DOWN APPRENTICE HANDICAP IN \$3,500
1	(12) (C) (D) B Pauro 11-10-0
2	200-000 TRIKER OFMATOK (12) (D) M Sounders 5-8-12 D GHREES 10
3	34-0(0) SQUIRE CORREC (18) (D) 6 Harwood 4-9-0
4	245-115 CANOVAS REART (20) (D) Soli Jones 7-3-0 A Doly 14
5	0500-03 MARRAMAK (17) G McCourt 4-8-6
ā	1000-00 BRYAN ROuscol (21) (0) G Salding 5-5-12
7	611452- SCORED AGAIN (406) (D) M H-EN: 8-8-10Amanda Sandara 12
	1-0000 BAZZARELO (18) (CO) R Curp 6-5-4
Ď	31564 COASTOLIARDS HERO (7) W Unter 3-8-2
10	02340 EFFICACY (25) A Jarve 5-8-0
11	6-5000 NOMADIC DANCER (14) M Sturden 4-7-10
12	FOREST DISTANT DYNASTY (37) (D) B Pearce 6-7-10R Mollon (5) 6+
13	0-30000 BY MOTHER'S LOCAL (28) K C-Brown 3-7-10C Menday 11 #
14	6000 OLD GOLD IN TAN (14) J Poulton 3-7-10

Benikus 9-2 Mazzareiko, 11:-2 Scored Aguin, 6-1 Bryan Robson, 7-1 Sarrenek, 8-1 Squire Cornie Canovaa 14 summers 14 summers FORM GOIDE - MAZZARELLO: Rudon over 21 out, ran on, 198 2nd in Judgment Cult, with SQUIRE CORRE (gave 21b), what final lations, 3 away 8th (Linguist 91, Gal-Fe).

SCORED AGAIN Cossed Readers, went 2nd over 11 out, one pass, 41 2nd behind Chatnell Hall

rater until headway over 11 aut, stayed on well izwerds tirkels, 10 ând to State to (Descaster 5) Marianana. Go-Fmy. CANOVAS HEART: Led stands: side group to hullsay, soon ridden and no eviva. 181 Sin to Just Bob IOS MINO: Whatened over 16 out. 5th, plessed 4th, 49 bird Plying Pennant (Salesbury 7). Gd-

• Blinkered for the first time: EXETER 7.15 Bingham's Nanny; 8.15 Pennant Cottage: 8.45 Habashs. GOODWOOD 4.10 Beeny; 5.20 Distant Dynasty NEWCASTLE 2.55 Hurgill Minstrel, Silver Raj; 3.25 Spertan Heartbeat; 4.25 Northern Clan, Ginger Hodgars, UTTOXETER 6.30 Linus Street Blues; 8.00 bero.

#### Newcastle runners and riders

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	00-0 BASHTREBOARDS	(17) J Opins 9-0	S Williams 1.5
3	(I) CLASH OF SWORDS	(10) P Calser 5-0	M. Mesh 4
4	SUBCEED J Goaden i	H	Qeroll 14
5	2 MAYES (34) D Morte	y 9-0	
	223-24 SASURU (18) G Vive	93 9-0 bin Surger 9-0	- Pond Bildery 7
7	TIGER LAKE SHOOT	20 Seroor 9-8	K Dutey 12
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		4090 6-B	
10	REART N Sloute 5-5		K Pallon \$
11	0-20 PBAR CLOSER (21)	W Kemp 8-9	S Depene (3) 1
12	QUESTORIA H Caca	H	
18	00 TROPA (ET) J Berry	8-9	
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		(15) P Haston 9-0	J Brown S
ż	11 FOREY (ID Mrs L Stu	bbs 8-10	J Western S
	25E4 HELLO DOLLY (21)	K Burke 8-9	
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Ladyuris, 10-1 Tribue Of Lies, 12-1 Karisma

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6.15 Peter Menomy 6.45 Sydooy Barry 7.15 Madamo Preside

Exeter National Hunt evening programme

nero 2 5 1 D Helland 4-1 (M Jekseton) & rec rehears, 3-1 Hula Prince, 7-2 Young Stigung, Sesside, 11-2 Legand Of Aragon, 13-25 SCOKER CASH & CARRY HANDICAP 3YO 1m CL/162 COA-20 CERREE (18) W Essay 5-3 6506-3 CRAYOMORE MACIC (18) Mass M Milligan 5-2 2000-4 QUE LIFETO LIVE (48) A Harrison 8-2 03-026 GXCANG (57) J Fiz 4 550-00 CHINGER MODDERS (10) F Whiter 5-2 500-00 ONDLE (17) N Trider 5-1 15 000-05 LAWIN ORDER (50) Mrs J Receden 5-1 500-05 NOVINERIN CLAR (13) M Y Esserby 7-6 00-6 BALLYKERSANGE, (24) N Bycol 7-10 9 FORM TRPS: Wheeter 5, Cricle 7, Sandblester 6 95: Higura Log 3 B 7 J Portuse 6-1 (P G Hashes) 6 can Bettings 5-1 Sanghipster, 11-2 Winston, 6-1 Russian Rescal, 7-1 One Life To Live, Eben Nase, 19-1 Benerous Present, Dubai College, Cerise, 19-1 (Jugang, Kerngi 425-0 DECTATION (21) J O'Neil 4-10-0 JF Egun 14
2200-00 COLWAY RAKE (17) (0) J Warts 5-9-12 N Connection
600-00 RESPS SOUNAEZA (0) 10 D D Docs 7-9-10 J Carrell 1
6-2403 PLUSI FRIST (5) (0) L Lloyd-James 6-8-8 F Ramsing 1
6-4410 CAPYANI CARAT (17) (0) (8F) Mrs J Ramsderi 5-9-5 K Falton 5
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	00-4433 SOKDERISE (19) (D) N Timber 7-8-5
10	45-00 ASTRAL'S CHANCE (17) K Burke 3-3-4
11	(200-00 DOMBNELLE (13) (D) T Exsterby 4-5-4
12	0-00303 PROMPT'S WISHING (15) N Bycrok 4-8-2 C Detfield 9
13	00-1115 POIST (27) (BF) M W Easterby 4-8-1 Dale Cileges 7
14	G-IDDS SALLYOREALLY (II) IT Surer 5-7-11
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TOP P	CHIN TIPS: Featherstone Lane B, Felst 7, Dentineije 8
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#### **Uttoxeter National Hunt card tonight**

Mark Lyoch 11

6.30 During Hen 7.00 STORMTRACKER (nap) 7.30 Wrekengale 8.30 Dino Maits Geing: Good to Erm (good in pieces). \* Denotes blinkers. Flourns in brackets after horse's sures desote days since intest IIII outlies. 6.30 HIGHLAND PARK MAIDEN HURDLE 2m C2.356 3 O HAGNELAND PARK MANDEM HURDLE 7m \$2,356

00 BLANGER LAND (36) P PRIVINGS 7-11-5

0050-90 CHURCHES (13) Mess D Sind 6-11-5

129-04 FELDSPAR (22) J Edwards 7-11-5

129-LAD DE GRAS (238) R CUIS 5-11-6

PD - URSE STRUKET BLUES (1983) S Christian 5-11-6

00FFS POWAL HAND (22) M MANDEM 6-11-5

POSTP SEARCEAL CHET (12) T Wathor 8-11-5

POSTP SHARMON LAD (13) A CHORD 16-11-5

1 THE FERNEL SHERMER (10) D MOCHET 5-11-6

5 CANTA (19) W (10) V HOLD (1-1)

10 DARHING HER (21-9) (BF) K Badey 6-11-0

10 DARHING HER (21-9) (BF) K Badey 6-11-0

005-90 LTYBLE S DREAM (17) Moss H Kinghi 6-11-0

005-90 LTYBLE (18) V HOLD (1-1)

500-50 LTYBLE (18) V HOLD (1-1)

500-50 LARBOUR (16) V HOLD (1-1)

500-60 LTYBLE (18) V HOLD (1-1)

500-60 LTYBLE (19) V HOLD (1-1)

500-60 9.00 FAMOUS GROUSE MOVICE HURBLE 2m 47 110yda 12,271 7.30 FAMOUS GROUSE HANDICAP CHASE (for the Fred Dison Respectal Trophy) 2m 2f

AFREC SYNDERBOROUGH LAD (7) (C) S PNo 10-11-16 A Therefore INFURE BANKROLL (16) P HODDS 3-11-6 C Hoode SAPP43 FAR SERBOR (12) (D) P Virginann IC-11-5 T Blog

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5	2324P2 FROZENI DROD (140 /55) P Richard B-10-6	Hr J College (30)	
	600111 WINDOWNGALE (23) (C) Mrs J Pitmen 6-10-8	II, Descriptedly	
14-1	Belating: 6-4 Wrenningste, 3-2 Synderborough Ltd, 7-2 Destination Fort, 8-1 Fax Sentor, 13-1 Frazzo Drop. M-1 Bantroll		
8.0	O BLACK BOTTLE CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS' SELLING HAMENC	AP HUNDLE ton C1,000	
1	26503F ROBGRO (6) Mrs J Planan 8-12-0	K Brown (5) +	
2	\$250 KALZARI (17) (D) (BF) A Carroli 11-11-17	D Firmura (A)	
*	583 CLEAN STORE (445) (647) M Templins 4-11-10	K Garde	
4	0P31P5 VIAGGEO (17) (III) W Clay 8-11-8		
5	302-003 200YOLET (27) (03) J Kind 10-17-8	II Nardou	
	US4-OP4 BUDPS BET (140 (C) Missa J Craza II-11-4	fi Johnson	
7	1P048U GREENWAY LADY COST (26 Miles A Embricos 4-11-3	LAmeE	
8	2009-24 MASON ODKON (10) J Pickering 7-10-13	A Largady	
	WARES CHAMA MED Anna City - 15- of 48 and	S. Phonesian	
10	240306 \$191\$5 MOUNTAIN (28) P Boyas 6-10-6	TJ Morphy	
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12	9380/-PD T1885 Res (6) O Bronspa 7-10-2	W Wade (5)	
13	05-10- MILYER SO LOST (745) P HOLE 5-10-0	E (functional ±	
14	45P40 STATION EXPRESS (30) (D) 8 Lievellyn 0-10-0	Sopide Witchell	
15	ASPPOD STATION EXPRESS (20) (D) 8 Lievelyn 9-10-0 P-83POD QUICK DECISION (12) / Crosswell 5-10-0		
Bettle Series	ng: 5-1 Bioli's Biol, 6-1 Roboro, Katzari, 8-1 Tibbis ion, Mason Dhion, S Modritas, Irok Tax, 14-1 Vilaggio		
8.3	O MACALLAN HOVICE CHARE 200 SI CO.518		
1	P722-6P1 PACTOR TEN (12) Miss H Kelght 8-11-8	J F Titles	
2	OPSI-0 COUNTRY WIDE LAD (\$14) to Machine 7-11-8	B Femine	
2	PPS033 ERLERO (44) W Clay 7-11-0	One Lonia *	
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5	45U/8-5 STORM WARRIOR (17) TWEE (1-11-0	II Manage +	
	273-136 WALLS COURT (18) J Birtuit 9-11-0		
3	ASUIG-5 STORES WARRIOR (17) TWEE 11-11-0 223-IDS WALLS COURT (18) J Britist 3-(1-0) 6-PAGE DERO MALTA (18) J Hicholom 5-10-7		
Bettle Warric	gu 5-4 Dino Malta, 11-8 Pactor Ton, 11-2 Passay Thath, 12-4 Erlevao, 1 r. 33-1 Walls Court		

15:073 EXTERNOR PROPILES (83) N Trising-Barba 6-11-7
23727 JUBRAN (7) (03 J Dodes 10-11-7
001A JARDATY JRRE (77) (03) B Extery 5-11-2
0-38 BROOMSELL BOY (8) Mrs J Planar 7-11-0
0 LASTOT PROPILED (77) F491 7-11-0
00 MAIN-OF-TRE-MORILD (71) K Gallery 6-11-0
PS POT BLACKBERD (19) R Lee 7-10-3

6.15 JANAN LOGISTICS AND A.F. FRIEDRY SILLING HARDLE SIL SE C1,043	8.
1 121 PETER MONARY (6) (C) 14 Pipe 4-11-7	1 1
2 SIJSE) COOCREE (15) 9 Baker 7-11-1 10000	1 4
3 451P04 TREE TO MOVE (45) P Jones 8-11-1 Em II James	ו מ
4 PO COUNTRY GERT (10) P Lucim 5-11-0 # Richards 5 4-NOVE NICH POST (22) G Ham 7-11-0 5 Records	1 :
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10 05 ON BY TOES (8) R Front 5-10-9	Rett
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Buildings 4-6 Peter Monardy, 6-1 Backly Sco. 8-1 High Page, 12-1 Katen, Michilly North, 14-1 Station Print	
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6.45 SIMPLOIS BOWARDS HANDICAL CHASE 2m 31 110yds CAJAE2	IR
1 (5-140) RAMSTAR (28) P Hobbs 5-11-10	***
2 31U-6F4 SYDNEY BARRY (13) (CD) R Buckler 11-11-10 B Powell	1
4 F4CQ JARRESAKER (ED) (C) Miss Y Williams 9-11-5 Recently #	GC
5 772402 ABAYARD (27) R Front 7-11-3 J Pront	2.1
5 723CQ ABAYAND (27) R Frost 7-11-3 J Fruit 6 (2001 CHAMMEL PARTIME (27) D Burchell 12-11-2 J Fruit 7 21-2334 HIDELEY REGATTA (2009) (2009 P ROBOTO 5-10-13 J Fruit 8 424C2* EVENIENG RABI (27) (3) R Hodges (10-10-0 J Fruit	2,1
7 21-23U- HENLEY REGATTA (2000) (CD) P Rodford 5-10-13	(20-
# 42424 KYEMENG RAIN (27) (D) R Hodges 10-10-0	Ton
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Bettley 9-2 Ramster, 5-1 Channel Parsister, 6-1 Mine's An Aca, Jalibreater, 7-1 Abbroad, Sydney B	BATTY, David
10-1 Evening Pain, Maggata Green. 12-1 Heralay Regula 10 mm	Ag I
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1 0F528- JAY 12 1315 (461) D Barons 7-11-13	3.1
2 31330; VALIANT TOSKI (20) M Pipe 5-11-10 D Bridgemier 3 619 MADAME PRESIDENT (13) C Nash 5-11-4 A P McCoy	RC
4 2220 SEPERBECK (23) W May 5-11-3	3, F
S MOS LAURA LVE (10) B Du Haan \$-10-11	Tota
6 C16F2 USBAN LILY (20) R Hodges 6-10-1	Trio
7 OFF MINICHARPS MAKERY (17) R Almer 6-10-0 J Kananaga +	Rya
6 624572 UNBANI LELY (200) R Hodges 6-10-1	ple l
	Total
Betting: 5-2 Supermick, 3-1 Laura Lyo, 7-2 Madiume President, 8-2 Vallant Toolst, 5-1 Urgen Lily, 14-	
Em Ess, 33-1 Fragrance Mountain 9 mm	
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	ШPI
1 PP5112 EVANGELICA (10) (BP) hi Pipe 6-(1-25	£5.7
2 (C1)-070 ARTHU ARTHUR (15) L Granaci, 10-11-4	£194
4 8-P8253 BUZZ O'THE CROWD (22) Mrs C Handel 8-11-4	7) Wal
5 6(PP CARROT BAY (12) N Opis 18-11-4	mee
6 4-5406 CHRUMAN (17) J Mulko 7-11-4	3, 8
7 NSSGR RACCHRY (18) Max K Wighthough 6-11-4 C Livering 8 SAXCH BLADER Strongs 6-11-4 W Material	{Lor
3 G-SUPP SEA SCARP (12) D Winty 6-11-4 Br   Dourish	E1.2
19 16:005 TOUR LEADER (12) R Buckley 7-11-4 B Powell	£19.
11 3P562 TPUST DIGEO (9) S Kright 8-11-4	9. 1
Bettings 7-4 Everyelics, 5-2 Morevains Gale, 3-1 Tour Lauder, 12-1 Trust Deed, Bazz O'den Crowd,	16-1 Char
Christines, 33-1 Saxon Blade, Raggariy 11 mm	3. [F

8.15 LANGE LINER AGENCIES NOVICE HANDICAP HUNGLE 3- 21 52,310 6-1159 HALLE DERRING (28) (ID) N Tringa-Daving 8-11-11

(PDI PHILATELIC (16) R Aline 5-11-7

1-(022) WYMBERG (27) T Forsiar 5-11-7

P2230 AKYTHANIN (6) U Pice 6-11-4

10955 WRECKLESS BAR (10) J (0) 8-11-1

12755 IN EMBRIC (10) R J (10) J (10) 8-11-1

322151 ITE CRAND (20) J Baddey 7-10-5 10-PP GOT TO BE JOKING (10) Mrs. J Peour 8-10-0 ... 5UPJUP PALACE PARADE (9) 6 Hom 6-10-0

Bettings 11-4 its Grand, 3-1 Viyoberg, 7-2 Philasebr, 5-1 Hable Cerning, 6-1 Wirockless Man, 12-1 Abymann. 39-1 Palace Parade, 25-1 Embley Book, Pennam Cottagé 11327 DISTANT MEMORY (19) (20) 7 Hobb 7 -13-0 A P MicCoy 4

431PP SECRET FOUR (9) (D) Mrs 5 Wildows 10-11-13 T Descorabe (
35PP SECRET FOUR (9) (D) Mrs 5 Wildows 10-11-13 T Descorabe (
35PP MABASHA (12) W Pipe 5-11-1 D Bridgesster

400000 SABARKI RAYER (22) (CD) Mrs J Reter 12-10-13 R Descir

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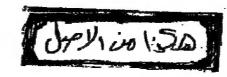
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## Birmingham scoop United's Bruce

July 1, the day his contract runs out, is believed to have been offered a two-year package worth between £16,000 and £18,000 a

work out that it is quite a fair package that we've much of his time nurturing

the talent of his new club's youngsters over the next

wrench leaving Manchester United because I have some



heart of the defence as United emerged from a lengthy period of transition to win a succession of honours, culminating in the double Double achieved this season.

"We have had to concur with Steve's wishes," said in the future.'

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to the challenge of getting Birmingham City into the

Premiership."
Bruce joined United from
Norwich City nine years
ago and emerged as an in-

fluential figure under the managership of Alex Fergu-

wonderful memories of son. Despite being over-both the club and its sup-porters," he said. "But at land managers he proved a

model of consistency at the | Ferguson, "That is the very least we owe him. It gives him the chance to extend his career and it is a mar-vellous challenge for him; we cannot stand in his way. He has served the club magnificently for almost 10 years and we wish him well

#### captain, has been lured away from Old Trafford by Birmingham City in a deal that will make the stalwart central defender one of the highestpaid players in English football. Bruce, who will leave United on a free transfer on The 35-year-old Bruce's decision to join Trevor Francis, who took charge of

TEVE BRUCE, the Manchester United

## a week. Birmingham's coowner David Sullivan boasted: "I cannot conceive there is a player in Britain being paid more than we will be paying Steve Bruce." The 35-year-old Bruce's decision to join Trevor The only slight complication is that this is his tes "We captain and a need a captain and there's nobody better than Steve. It was too good an opportunity to miss because ho is still an outstanding footballer. In my opinion in footballer, and there's nobody better than Steve. It was too good an opportunity to miss because ho is still an outstanding footballer. In my opinion in footballer, and there's nobody better than Steve. It was too good an opportunity to miss because ho is still an outstanding footballer. In my opinion in footballer, and there's nobody better there in the last two or there days. **Venables** toys with Chinese puzzler

David Lacey in Beijing

F TWO of a kind can see off a full house in the Workers' Stadium here this evening England's last full international before the European Championship may yet be remembered for something other than the bizarre fact that it is being played at all.

By selecting Manchester United's Gary and Philip Nev-ille for the friendly against China, Terry Venables has already ensured a certain curi-osity value for the fixture. Not since Jack and Bobby Charlton appeared together for the last time against Czechoslovakia in Guadalajara in the 1970 World Cup have two brothers played in

Yet this will not be an England team in the truest sense of the word. To be sure, China

THE Hong Kong FA has benned alcohol from Sun-day's match between England and a local select team, with 300 security guards, 120 soldiers and 100 extra police being

deployed. Only 200 England fans be seated in a special area.

The alcohol ban is the first

Well in a game as he has been doing in training.

'I asked him how he felt be-

imposed at the Government Stadium, which bosts the annual Hong Kong Sevens rugby tournament at which alcohol is considered integral to the entertainment.

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will be facing a team of England players, the 19-year-old Philip Neville being the only new cap, but the side that Venables will field against Venables will field against

declared the pitch in the Will decide whether South-Workers' Stadium to be the gate is a straight swap for next best thing to a croquet lawn, which everybody knows support for Adams, whose the straight swap for ince or more of a centre-back support for Adams, whose support of this sort of it is not, no one was going to experience in this sort of admit that Venables has left system is limited. out certain players to protect them from injury, which most

suspect he has. So it should, therefore, be possible to gauge the impor-tance of David Seaman, Paul Ince, Teddy Sheringham and Stuart Pearce to England's European Championship prospects by the amount of time, if had to reach the wall on foot, any, Venables is prepared to allow them against China.

Alan Shearer is the obvious exception because, having made only a distance of the wall on 100t, a 45-minute slog in soaring temperatures.

Qi Wusheng, China's coach, will announce his side shortly

made only a brief appearance against Hungary on Saturday after his hernia operation, he needs matches. He also needs international goals.

Croatia in the previous fix-

ture only Gary Neville, Paul Gascoigne and Steve McMan-

Clearly Venables is using the China match to tie up and Jamie Redknapp, each given a late chance to state his case for surviving the cut.

Venables recalled, and Red-knapp at that time was out-standing. He looked like he was right in there. Then he had this unfortunate injury time, but now he's beginning

Tve spoken to Bryan Robson [Middlesbrough's manager] at length about him and he felt that in the last few matches he had been doing better. He's certainly looked very sharp

Only 200 England fans — wetted and accredited by the English FA — are expected to travel. They will be seen to see whether Adams shapes up as

fore we trained this morning," said Venables, "and he said he felt good. And he apart, Adams also needs to demonstrate to the England coach that he is happy play-ing in the three-man defence Venables has adopted in the

system is limited.
It is to be hoped that Gascoigne's regular misfortune with injuries does not resurface now. His decision not to join the rest of the squad on yesterday's excursion to the Great Wall suggested his luck was still in. Because of a cable-car failure the players

will announce his side shortly before the kick-off. "This is a great opportunity to test our team's ability," he said. Eng-land's too, if recent results in Beijing are anything to go by.

#### Germans end training row

GERMANY have settled a dispute over expenses with the Vauxhall Conference club Macclesfield and will train at the non-League club's ground during France of

ground during Euro 98.
The Silkmen feared that
they might be out of pocket
after accommodating the Germans, but now Euro 98 officials and the German soccer federation have agreed to do-

tween £16,000 and £18,000 a week. Birmingham's co-

"They both played against Colombia last September,"

to get his form back.
"Barmby's had a very hard season. He started off very well and he's stuck in there.

international goals.

Only two of those who began the Hungary match, Gary Neville and Darren Anderton, will start tonight's game and of the 11 who faced Croatia in the previous fix-

loose ends before naming his squad of 22 for the European Championship. Two of the im-

The match also represents a crucial fitness test for Tony Adams, who has not played in a competitive game since undergoing a knee operation in mid-January. Having lost Mark Wright to damaged

Arsenal man's absence.
With Ince rested, Gareth

Switzerland in the opening Euro 96 match a fortnight on Saturday will bear only a passing resemblance to this.

Diplomatic protocol bearing. Diplomatic protocol having extent the pattern of the game eclared the pitch in the will decide whether South-

#### United given | Results **Euro seeding** next season

United for England . . . the Nevilles, Gary and Philip

ANCHESTER United have been seeded for next season's European Champions' League but Rangers, the Scottish title-holders, will have to qualify. Ajax will also be among the eight seeds who qualify directly for the last 16 but Juventus, who lost their Serie A crown to AC Milan, went into last night's European Cup final against the Dutch side knowing that if they lost they would be in the Uefa Cup next

season.
Johning United and Ajax
will be AC Milan, Auxerre,
Borussia Dortmund, Porto, either Atletico Madrid or Va-lencia, and Club Bruges or Juventus as direct qualifiers. Bruges would be the eighth seeds if Juventus lost last night; if the Italians won they

would be top-ranked. Games on August 7 and 21 will decide if Rangers reach the Champions' League group, which guarantees a further six ties, but Paul Gascoigne is suspended for the first two European matches next season because he was ordered off against Borussia Dortmund in Germany last December.

Last season Rangers were rated as one of the seeded teams among the 16 national champions told to play in the nate £2,000 each to the FA
Trophy holders and share the cost of stewarding.

Eamonn Bannon, the former Hearts, Dundee United and Scotland midfielder, has been appointed manager of Falkirk.

Sunderland have released the midfielders Gordon Armstrong and Brian Atkinson and the full-back John and the full-back John and the full-back John Kay.

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6-2, 8-2; T Muster (Aut) bt M Goeliner
(Gor) 6-7, 6-4, 7-6; F Cisevet (Fr) bt J
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(US) 6-2, 7-5; B Schultz-MicCarthy (Neth)
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(Arg) 7-5, 6-1; B Eprins (Rom) bt N Sawn
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Baseball

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BRITARNIC ASSURANCE COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP: Horshers: Susser v Middlesox No play due to rain OTHER MATCHE Bradford: England U-19 353-7 dec (D J Roberts 151. A Fintoli 105) and 15-0 Yorkshire Second XI 280 (C A Chapman 87, Alzael 4-87). No play, Match drawn.

Chess

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URO D'ITALIAs Fourth sings (147km): 1,
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F. E17.80. Trice E145.50. CSF. D&TB. NR-Nascina.
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S.15 (7f); 1, SLIP JUG, R Hughes (6-4 tay); 2, Deable Bisech (33-1); 3, Prime Light (2-1), 13 ran, Hd, 4, (R Handon) Totar C3.50; C1.80, C3.30, C1.30, Dual F 56.480.
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#### **Fixtures**

INTERNATIONAL MATCH: China v Eng-land (Beijing, 12.45).

Rugby League
ALIANCE Bratierd v Hull KR: Castleford v St Helens; Halfax v Wigan; Leeds v
Salford; Offham v Hull, Frast Dhésione;
Featherstone v Leigh; Shedleid v Downbury; Widnes v York, Sended Division;
Blacispool v Keighley.

Cricket

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BRITAMIC ASSURANCE COUNTY
CHARSPONSHIP [11 0, day one of lour]
Abergenesses; Glarsorgan v Wores. Casstransport, Kent v Yorks. Darbys Derbys v
Essex. Edghastone: Warwics v Leles
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### Brothers and backs for England uals. We both have jobs to | over-familiar with this way

David Lacey on the Nevilles who line up in illustrious succession to the Charltons

Diplomatic discussions . . . England's coach Terry Venables, right, confers with Ted Buxton, his assistant, and Paul Gascoigne during the Beijing build-up PHOTOGRAPH: LOIS PAIMOND

ARY and Philip Nev-ille will be the 20th set of brothers to play for England but only the

sixth to have appeared in the national team simultaneously. Before Jack and Bobby Charlton there were the Formans, Frank and Fred, Arthur and Percy Walters, Hubert and Frank Heron and the Rawsons, Bert and

In fact the 21-year-old Gary was at pains to play down the fraternal signifi-cance after Terry Venables announced the England team yesterday. "It's smashing for Philip," he said, "but it's more impor-tant that the team does well than either one of us. Us

and the Rawsons, Bert and Bill. The Herons even played together for England after winning the FA Cup with Wanderers in 1876, but since the Nevilles onship so close.

"Managers don't look at a pair but as individare too young even to have "Managers don't look at from the Wembley stands. Neville, is confirst-hand memories of the us as a pair but as individ- Neither of the brothers is ager at Bury.

PAUL GASCOIGNE

you have greater responsi-bility than just being a full-back. That suits both our

is the important one when

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do in the team and, when you're playing in a back three, the central defender Not that the yo of playing; nor is Adams if Not that the younger Nev-

ille had any qualms about what might happen in the Workers' Stadium tonight. "I think I'll find it easy to It's been brilliant with
Mark Wright and Gareth
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Tony Adams won't let us
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temperaments."

The last time the Nevilles
Philip Neville, two years
younger than Gary, exother than Manchester plained that the reason he United was for Boundary had not been on the England Park Under-16s. David bench for last Saturday's Platt and Trevor Sinclair Hungary game was that also graduated from this Venables wanted bim to study the three-man system from the Wembley stands. Neville, is commercial man-

#### Scotland hope to hoodwink their Euro 96 audience

Patrick Glenn in Connecticut on the options left open to Craig Brown and Co

THE world's two largest oceans are not vast enough to keep modern foot-

opponents. Scotland's manager Craig Brown, having taken his squad across the Atlantic to the eastern seaboard of the United States, yesterday confirmed that he would have "contracts" on the other side "contacts" on the other side of the Pacific checking England's matches in China and

Hong Kong.

But he also expects that all of Scotland's rivels in Group A of Euro 96 will have spies watching his own players in action against the United States in Hartford on Sunday and Colombia in Miami on Wednesday.

Wednesday.

When Brown and his assistant Alex Miller watched England play Hungary at Wembley on Saturday they were joined by a coach from Holland. "He filled an entire notebook," said the Scotland manager. "If an England player scratched his head he player scratched his head he jotted it down. That's how it

is in the modern game.
"I know that Artur Jorge, the Switzerland coach, has already delegated people to watch us here in America. Alex and I will be there."

ouflage exercise, perhaps not starting the friendlies with the team likely to face the Dutch in Scotland's champi-

onship opener on June 10. "We have to keep some-thing to ourselves,' said Brown. "For example we know what players like Gary McAllister, John Collins and Stuart McCall can do in midfield; it's only a question of ball teams from the prying keeping them match fit, so eyes of forthcoming they can be played at certain stages without starting. Per-haps we should have a look at

players like Billy McKinlay and Eoin Jess."

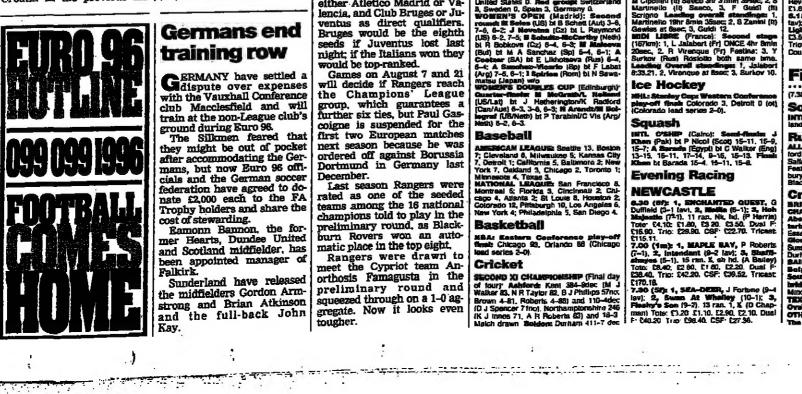
The most serious fitness worry is the Rangers striker Ally McCoist, although it is hoped he will be ready for the Colombia match. And Colin Calderwood, although recovered from injury, has not played a competitive match since March.

In defence Brown will have to find an effective three-man partnership as Alan McLaren is unlikely to be available. The Rangers player had arth-roscopic surgery on his knee yesterday but it will be three days before the verdict is

known.
"If we find that McLaren has to miss the champion-ship," said Brown, "we will have to start with Derek Whyte on Sunday. Derek is new to this squad and we would have to give him the opportunity to work with Colin Hendry and

Calderwood. "Rut we have options. Tom watch us here in America.
When Holland play the
Republic of Ireland on June 3.

Celtic, and his team-mate Tosh McKinlay could be All of this has moved given the role wide on the Brown to contemplate a cam- left."



New order marches on Oval, page 13

Dr Massini calls again, page 14

Bruce moves for Birmingham's gold, page 15

Brothers in arms for England, page 15

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#### **EUROPEAN CUP FINAL**

# Litmanen checks Juventus the quality,

Martin Thorpe in Rome

GLARING miss by Gianluca Vialli in the last five min-utes, after he had goalkeeper, denied Juventus pean Cup after 90 minutes and forced the game into extra-time last night. Rangers and Chelsea may reconsider their interest in the Italian

international.

During the day the Italian fans had been conspicuous by their silence, keeping a low profile in a city where they are hated, mainly by Roma supporters but also by Lazio's. Once inside the ground, however, they soon let loose, spreading large banners behind the goal, equally large grand-prix starting flags and the ubiquitous red flares.

The thousands of Ajax fans who had crammed into Rome earlier in the day had been conspicuous by their noise. A large contingent chanted and waved flags inside the Colosseum, eager for the moment when they would discover if Juventus were going to play the part of the Christians in the city's other main stadium hours later. They were not.

Juventus began with a reli-gious passion all right but were eager to chase Ajax, hoping to catch them cold in the opening quarter of the game. It worked wonderfully. Perhaps the Dutch were missing the reassuring pres-ence of the suspended Reiziger at the back, for the uncertainty there was palpable In the eighth minute Van der Sar failed to hold a 25-yard shot from Torricelli, allowing the fumble to fall to the feet of Ravenelli, who wastefully blasted the chance into the flower bed behind the goal.

Four minutes later the goalkeeper boobed again, only this time it was costly. He



Head case . . . Fabrizio Ravanelli, of Juventus, celebrates his opening goal in Rome last night

and Ravenelli pounced down the right to slide the ball into the net from an acute angles. Juventus continued to came out for a ball that Frank threaten and Van der Sar ventus's goalkeeper saved his goalkeeper but for some de Boer was shepherding redeemed himself somewhat worst for last to let the back for him, missed the kick by tipping Deschamps's shot Dutch back into the game five the ball away instead of catch-

round a post. Ajax's only authentic chance had come from a shot by Musampa, which was saved by Peruzzi. But Junious before half-time. In git. Litmanen, the tournament's leading scorer, fought off Vierchowod and slotted home the rebound to put Ajax home the rebound to put Ajax

start of the second half. Ajax's main problem, however, had een creation. Juvenius had done well in

holding to their plan of keep-ing a tight rein on any Dutch flamboyance, denying Ajax the time on the ball to start a meaningful passing move-ment. When Ajax did escape the manacles they were soon hit by the scythe.

When the mobile Davids cut in from the left with a feint and a shimmy. Yugovic's boot brutally diverted the midfielder vertically. Mo-ments later Bogarde was go-ing about his business wen Ravanelli came sliding in with a late challenge.

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Chances were few as the second half unfolded, neither side wanting to make more mistakes by being too adven-turous. The best chance fell to Ajax's answer to the lack of pressure on Peruzzi's goal beat Bogarde with the ball, was to bring on their troubled cutting inside the defender to crossing the ball back to Vialli. However, the supposedly British-bound striker would not have impressed many by mishitting his closerange shot straight at the goalkeeper. With 15 minutes left Pe-

ruzzi once again had the Juventus supporters' hearts in their mouths when he elected to punch away a shot from Del Piero instead of catching

eventum Peruzzi; Torricelli, Ferrara, lerchowod, Pessotto, Conte (Jugovic, kmin), Sousa, Deschamps, Vialli, Del itafaree: M Diaz Vega (Spain).

## Never mind look at the ad



lan Katz

HE US Presidential race is hotting up, but the slickest campaign of the moment does not promote Bill Clinton or Bob Dole. Instead it urges Ameri-cans to vote for Ken Griffey Jr. the square-jawed Seattle Mariners slugger. The "Griffey for President"

campaign is being mounted by Nike, in the hope, presumably, that his supporters will invest in new footwear to get to the ballot box. On the face of it, it is a tribute to the Seattle player's enormous popularity; he is, after all, drop-dead gorgeous, relentlessly charming and beyond question one of the finest hitters in the league

In truth, however, the Grif-fey campaign is more a testa-ment to the power of the big corporate sponsors in US sport than it is to Griffey's considerable talents. Nike, quite simply, has decided to turn the centre-fielder into baseball's No. 1 star.

Never mind that Griffey has never won a league MVP award while some active players have collected as many as three, never mind that his per-formance with the bat this season has reeked of mediocrity; Nike has decided that he has the right stuff and it will see to the rest.

Nike can make a giant out of Griffey, provided he doesn't do anything too appalling, because US stars are made on the screen, not the field. As Greg Maddux, aroughly the finest Maddux, arguably the finest left-hander of all time, would attest, it's not enough to be a great pitcher, you must be a great pitch man too.

NBA leviathan, was spectacu-lar in Orlando's play-off series gainst the Atlanta Hawks, but what most Americans remember is that ad where Shaq ran though several TV

reens to get a can of Pepsi Of course his team-mate An-fernee "Penny" Hardaway emerged as a fully fledged star on the court this year, but his fame was easily eclipsed by that of "Little Penny", the gar-

rulous Hardaway puppet cre-ated to sell Reebok trainers. The highlight of Deion "Prime Time" Sanders's first season with the champion Dallas Cowboys? Why, that Pizza Hut ad with the Dallas

owner Jerry Jones of course.

Grant Hill? That would be Sprite. The great Charles Barkley? Not much of a season but there was that fun deodorant commercial.

For the corporate star-makers, an athlete's ability to score points or smash home runs may be secondary to other, less easily quantifiable qualities such as charm, wholesomeness and elo-quence. Shaq may have the most imposing dunk in the NBA but his colossal celebrity

and \$17 million in endorsement fees last year — may have more to do with his facility for playing the gentle giant. For most of this decade Michael Jordan effectively unified the titles of marketing and sporting superhero by dominating basketball games as thoroughly as he dominated the commercial breaks between them. The fourth league MVP award he accepted on Tuesday night matched with pleasing symmetry a fourth year as the world's top-paid athlete, with \$40 million in en-dorsements topping up his meagre \$3.9 million salary.

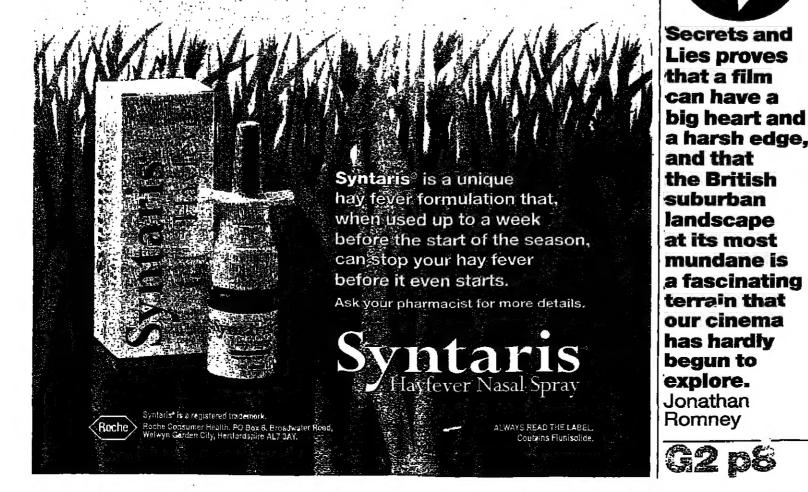
EYOND His Airness, however, the correlation between sponsor fuelled celebrity and athletic ability is less satisfying. Take Hill, the Detroit for ward who in January topped the NBA's All-Star ballot for the second year in a row. He is a gifted, explosive ath-lete but does any fan honestly believe he is a greater player

than Jordan? Of course not. The articulate and eminent ly presentable Hill was simply anointed as the NBA's new megastar by the corporate sponsors when Jordan threw them into a tizzy by resigning from basketball. It's too late, now, for them to admit that the affable youngster may not

be the giant they promised. As striking, though, may be the omissions from the marketing hall of fame. Last year Houston's Hakeem "The Dream" Olajuwon ruled on COURT DUT WAS VICTUALLY visible off it. This year the Seattle duo of Gary Payton and Shawn Kemp have dominated the Western Conference play-offs but barely left the bench in the ad wars.

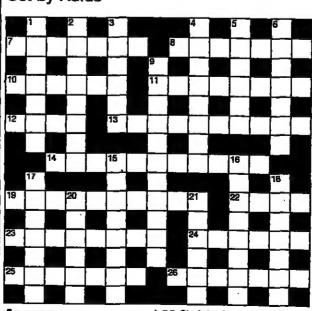
Payton and Kemp are abrasive, unattractive characters who might understandably frighten corporate suitors, but Olajuwon's absence from the sponsorship big league invites an uglier explanation. The Ni-gerian-born behemoth still speaks with an African accent and talks regularly and passionately about his Muslim faith. Not really the right stuff, if you get my drift. I mean, 'Olajuwon for President'"? It would never fly.

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- 13 Reckoned it's deliberate
- 14 He said belts need to be
- adjusted and secured (11) 19 Homespun gin? (7,3)
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- 25 Shown up by a space traveller? (7)
- 26 She's had one ring and
- 1 His job is to cast waste
- 2 Assigns to a berth in stormy
- 3 Cross one side of Glasgow
- 4 Involved in a quest for relics
- of a bygone age (8) 5 Light sleep? (6)
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- 15 A verse that's initially puzzling (8) 16 All the Walrus and the Carpenter managed to eat
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